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Police cut response to burglar alarms

90 per cent false call rate condemned as 'unfair to those in genuine need'

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE throughout England and Wales are to stop responding automatically to every burglar alarm call because more than 90 per cent of them prove to be false alarms.

Chief police officers decided unanimously yesterday to scale down their responses after studying a paper highlighting the drain on resources caused by the huge number of timewasting callouts. Guidelines will be issued to the 43 forces in England and Wales next month, but the decision has already been criticised by a charity supporting victims of crime, which said that it would worry vulnerable people.

Under the rules being drawn up by a special committee, owners of persistent false alarms will be warned that the police will treat them as a lower priority, and they may eventually get no response.

Latest police figures show that false alarms on systems linked to a central unit and then passed to the police were running at a rate of more than nine out of ten. "Remote signalling alarms in England and Wales collectively produced over 1.1 million false calls per year compared with 138,000 genuine calls. This is a 92 per cent failure rate," an interim statement from from the Association of Chief Police Officers said.

It added: "Audible only alarms, requiring members of the public to call the police are estimated at three times this number, with an equally high probability of being false. At a time when nationally the police service is attempting to improve its performance further and provide real value for money, the waste of police time and effort is unacceptable and is unfair on those in genuine need whose response may be delayed."

The association estimates that automatic alarm calls account for 20 per cent of calls to police control rooms, most of which receive an automatic response.

There are two main types of alarm: audible ones and signalling alarms, which alert the police or a security company without necessarily making a noise. Last year, an estimated 713,962 remote signal alarms were linked to a central monitoring system in England and Wales, and about 2.13 million sirens, mostly installed on individual houses and flats. The number of false alarms from systems linked to a monitoring centre increased by 7.2 per cent to more than a million. The 138,000 genuine calls resulted in 10,000 arrests.

Under the guidelines being prepared, police will issue a written warning to the owner of any premises after attending four false alarms. The warning is expected to say that the police will no longer offer the premises a priority service. After seven false alarms, the police would not respond at all. One criterium still to be worked out is over what period of time the limit would operate.

Police are also pressing for people with do-it-yourself equipment or audible-only alarms to improve the reliability of their equipment and to press manufacturers to improve their products.

The move, announced a few days after the release of figures showing a fall in domestic burglaries, was immediately criticised by Victim Support, which said: "This decision will hit vulnerable people. It is saying that that as a deterrent, a burglar alarm may not be as effective as people hoped. It is a bad move."

But the British Security Industry Association said it would make people install their systems properly. Helen Reedswebb said: "The greatest cause of false alarms is customer ignorance. The people using the system do not really know how to set or unset their alarm. This should make them sit up and take notice."

Triple blow for Blair as unions bite back

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

TONY BLAIR'S attempt to woo "Middle England" by shifting Labour to the Right ran into opposition on three fronts from the party's traditional trade union supporters yesterday.

Unison, the biggest union, voted to oppose his plans to rewrite the nationalisation clause of the party's constitution; Bill Morris of the transport workers stepped up demands for a minimum wage of £4 an hour; and John Monks of the TUC attacked plans to close bad schools. He said Mr Blair was in danger of copying ailing football clubs that sacked their managers.

The Liberal Democrats also launched an assault on Labour's education policies, accusing Mr Blair of "outflanking the Tories on the Right". They said failing schools could be helped only by higher spending, higher taxes to pay for it and better training for teachers.

The biggest threat to Mr Blair's vision of a modern Labour party came from Unison delegates, representing 1.3 million health and local government workers. They voted at a special meeting by 55 to 47 to reject his plans to replace Clause Four of Labour's constitution with words highlighting the party's support for a dynamic, market economy.

The decision means the country's two biggest unions — Unison and the Transport and General Workers' Union — will be ranged against the Labour leadership at a special conference on Clause Four on April 29. The leadership had hoped that Unison would support Mr Blair.

Opponents of the new wording seized on yesterday's vote as a breakthrough. "This means that all bets are back on for the 29th," Geoff Martin, from the Defend Clause 4 Campaign, said. "The vote also proves that Tony Blair cannot ride roughshod over the trade union movement."

Although Mr Blair is still likely to win overall, the poll in the trade union section — accounting for 70 per cent of the conference vote — could be much tighter. Together, Unison and the TGWU have 25 per cent of the vote, and Mr Blair will have to score a decisive victory among rank-and-file Labour members to be sure of carrying the day. The second blow for Mr Blair yesterday came when Mr Morris repeated his demand for Labour to put a figure on a national minimum wage. Mr Blair is reluctant to do so until much nearer the general election, although leadership sources said he remained committed to the policy.

Union leaders fear, however, that he will set too low a rate and phase it in, to avoid upsetting employers. At the last election, Labour campaigned for a minimum wage of £3.40 an hour, half the male median wage — now equivalent to £4.05 an hour.

The education revolt was triggered by David Blunkett's announcement on Tuesday that Labour would shut the worst schools and reopen them on the same site under new management — a proposal similar to the Government's "hit squads" scheme for taking over problem schools.

But Mr Monks said yesterday: "A system which concentrates its efforts on starting with more sticks than carrots does not seem to me to be the right way to proceed."

Mr Blunkett said that he was being tough on failure and mediocrity, adding: "John Monks should talk to a few football fans. They know how important a good manager is to keep up morale."

The Shadow Education Secretary also came under fire from Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, who said that Labour seemed to think that Tory policies, adroitly repackaged, would bring it to power.

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"Something terrible has happened": businessman Martin Link with his wife Alena

Suicide husband linked to body found in Wolds

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A WOMAN found battered to death last week may be the wife of a wealthy property owner who committed suicide at the weekend, leaving letters telling of "something terrible having happened" and of a "nightmare" about which relatives would soon find out.

Hull police have been trying to identify the woman, whose body was found wrapped in a bedspread on a country lane near the village of Middleton-on-the-Wolds last Thursday. A post-mortem examination revealed that she had been battered about the head.

Last night they were liaising with police in Birmingham, who had appealed for information about Alena Link, 53, who has not been seen for nearly two weeks.

Their appeal came after the discovery on Sunday of the body of her husband, Martin, at the couple's home at Pershore Road, Edgbaston, in Birmingham. Mr Link, 49, a chemistry graduate, is thought to have taken a lethal mixture of anti-freeze and lemonade.

Officers found letters next to his body addressed to relatives, but not one to his wife. Their tone led to immediate fears that he may have killed her before taking his life. In his message to his father, Mr Link referred to his "nightmare." He spoke of "something terrible having happened".





Artist's impression of the woman whose body was found, and Alena Link in a recent photograph

Inspector Keith Morgan, of West Midlands police, said: "There are precise, cold details of financial arrangements and business. Then he speaks of being in a 'nightmare', of how hard life could be with his wife, and of how they will know why he had to go."

Martin Link went to Leeds Grammar School before taking a first in chemistry at Queen's College, Oxford. He was an enthusiastic tennis and squash player, and owned six up-market houses in Birmingham. He had a pilot's licence and shared an interest in guns with his wife. After his first marriage failed in 1976, he married Alena in 1983.

Mrs Link was an architect for the construction firm Bovis after coming to England from Czechoslovakia. She gave up her career to take up painting and attending art school. "She was a very artistic girl," said Harry Link, 81. Mr Link's father. Mrs Link's 19-year-old son, Joseph, with whom she was last seen alive when they went swimming nearly two weeks ago, was last night staying at his father's home. Harry Link said he believed the problems in his son's marriage had led to his death.



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Galicia fishermen demand their say

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

FELIPE GONZALEZ, the Spanish Prime Minister, was under intense domestic pressure last night not to make concessions to settle the fishing dispute with Canada.

As he studied a draft agreement between the European Union and Ottawa worked out in Brussels earlier in the day, fishermen in Galicia demanded that he consult them before any agreement. José Manuel Muñiz, president of the Spanish sea fishermen's association, said: "The worry is that this conflict will end in a worthless agreement because of the haste by the EU to solve it. It would be terrible if the deal set a precedent."

Spain has 24 per cent unemployment, Europe's highest, and 9,000 workers and their families depend on a fleet which would have to be cut drastically under new quotas.

The Galician nationalist party, supported by the fishermen, said last night that any reduction in the catch of Greenland halibut would be "totally opposed" and threatened to call for further demonstrations. Last night a third Spanish patrol boat, the *Atalaya*, sailed with 42 crew from El Ferrol in Galicia for the disputed fishing grounds.

The French presidency of the EU yesterday pressed Spain and Portugal, the only EU countries fishing in the north-west Atlantic, to accept the draft compromise. In Brussels, Spanish and Portuguese diplomats had forecast that the draft would be approved in Madrid and Lisbon.

The EU yesterday won what a "satisfactory" solution to Spain's request for repayment of Can$500,000, which the owner of the *Estai* had to pay to secure release of his seized vessel. Canada accepted that the agreement be subject to a wider multilateral deal within the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.

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Aitken wins support of ex-officials

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

JONATHAN AITKEN'S role in promoting sales of British arms to Saudi Arabia is strongly defended today by two former senior officials at the Ministry of Defence.

Sir James Blyth, head of the MoD's defence sales department from 1981 to 1985, and Sir Colin Chandler, his successor for the next four years, say in a letter to *The Times* that the interests of Britain and British industry were "extremely well served" by Mr Aitken when he was a Defence Minister.

Their intervention came after Mr Aitken, Treasury Chief Secretary, disclosed that he is to sue *The Guardian* over allegations about his business links with the Arab world. Sir James, now deputy chairman of Boots, and Sir Colin, chief executive of Vickers, the weapons manufacturer, say that defence contracts contributed £6.8 billion to British exports last year and supported hundreds of thousands of jobs.

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Easter exodus brings motorways to near standstill

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

WARM weather and the Easter break brought Britain virtually to a halt last night as millions of motorists joined the exodus out of towns and cities to the coast.

Every motorway in England and Wales became jammed, and tailbacks of up to 20 miles built up from mid-morning in what motoring organisations described as the biggest getaway of the year. By last night many major roads were also at a standstill, including routes through the West Country to Cornish and Devon seaside resorts, motorways out of London to the North and West, and through the Midlands from Birmingham to Manchester and Blackpool.

The AA was inundated with calls, and although some roadworks were lifted over the weekend to ease traffic problems, as many as 70 per cent remained in place. "It is a grim exodus," the AA said. "Motorways across the whole country are clogged."

For those leaving today, the organisation advised drivers to leave plenty of time, prepare vehicles fully, and stagger journeys if possible. Most travellers left yesterday, but queues today will be joined by day trippers enjoying the heat — up to 18°C yesterday, six degrees higher than average. London Weather Centre said the fine weather would continue until Sunday, when cloud would affect areas in the North and East.

Airports were extremely busy yesterday, with more than a million people heading abroad: Gatwick is prepared for its busiest Easter weekend, with up to 230,000 passengers, while Heathrow is expected to deal with 500,000. Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow up to 300,000 passengers.

Eurotunnel, now operating two car shuttles an hour each way, said yesterday that business was very busy but delay-free. Eurostar, which on Wednesday kept hundreds of

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Potential candidates to pledge support

Major prepares to thwart challenge after May election

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN MAJOR has drawn up a battleplan to help him to survive renewed pressure on his leadership in the wake of the expected Tory drubbing in the May 4 council elections.

Tory backbenchers who support Michael Heseltine and Michael Portillo are drawing up plans to pressurise Mr Major to step down if the Conservatives are humiliated in the local elections in England and Wales. Their resolve has been strengthened by the heavy defeat the party took in Scotland last week where it finished fourth in terms of council seats.

However, Mr Major's strategy is to have the three Cabinet ministers best placed to succeed him poised to give public pledges of their loyalty hours after the results are declared.

Mr Heseltine, Mr Portillo and Kenneth Clarke will take to the airwaves on May 5 to warn dissident backbenchers that the party has nothing to gain and a lot to lose from a leadership challenge. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary and the Cabinet's elder statesman, will join the concerted campaign by the Cabinet to shore up the Prime Minister.

For his part, Mr Major is poised to echo his defiant message of last year when grim council election results and a hammering in the European elections placed a question mark over his leadership. His friends predicted yesterday that he would meet any challenge with his warning last year that "if anybody chooses to engage in a fight they will find me standing there waiting for them".

Under the Tory Party's rules, a leadership contest can be triggered in the autumn only if Sir Marcus Fox, the chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, receives letters from 33 MPs demanding an election. However, dissident MPs are planning to bring forward the day of reckoning by giving Sir Marcus the names of more than 33 MPs soon after the results are declared.

The idea is to put irresistible pressure on the Prime Minister to step aside. But all the signals from Downing Street are that the Prime Minister is readying himself to short circuit any rebellion.

The spectacle of Mr Heseltine, Mr Portillo and Mr Clarke warning MPs that fresh speculation about Mr Major's leadership would be deeply damaging to the party's chances of re-election is likely to have a salutary effect on potential mutineers.

Mr Major is understood to have taken on board mutterings about lack of leadership. As his speech to the Conservative Central Council in Birmingham earlier this month made clear, the Prime Minister has embarked on a policy review aimed at setting out a new stall for the party conference in the autumn.

Insiders say that Mr Major's relations with Cabinet rightwingers, such as Mr Portillo and Peter Lilley, have improved markedly in recent months after his dismissive reference to them as "bastards". The Right is hoping that Mr Major will be persuaded to rule out a European single currency in the next Parliament.





Heseltine, left and Portillo: supporters mobilising

Hanley to complain over Clause 4 airtime

JEREMY HANLEY, chairman of the Conservative Party, has written to John Birt, director-general of the BBC, to complain about the corporation's planned live coverage of the Labour Party's Clause Four conference on April 29 (Alexandra Frean writes).

A spokesman for Conservative Central Office said Mr Hanley was extremely concerned that the BBC was proposing to give airtime to the conference five days before the local government elections in England and Wales. "This is a PR stunt staged by the Labour Party," he said. "We will consider further action when we have received a reply from John Birt."

The BBC is planning a 90-minute broadcast based on Labour's Clause Four conference, including live coverage of speeches and discussions with Labour grass-root supporters and analysis by politicians from other parties.

"Members of the public will also be able to take part in the programme live by phoning, sending a fax or message on the Internet," a BBC spokesman said.



ADRIAN BROOKS

Hugo, a 40kg Rhodesian ridgeback, leaving Heathrow yesterday for Easter in Scotland

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passengers waiting for four hours after its overhead power arm ripped down live cables in Kent, said that services were back to normal; it would carry 10,000 passengers a day over Easter.

Hotels and guest houses reported a surge of bookings from the beginning of the week, with most reporting that they were fully booked until Tuesday. The British Resorts Association, representing 53 local authorities and nine coastal tourist boards, said the industry was expecting a very good Easter. BRA spokesman Peter Hampson said: "The signs are very encouraging, with good weather prompting large numbers of day trippers."

Motorways standstill

At Bournemouth the tourist board said it had received twice as many enquiries as expected. A Blackpool spokesman said: "If the next three days are good, they will set the tone for the whole year."

Overseas City breaks are proving popular, particularly to Paris and Amsterdam. The Spanish Costas, the Canaries and the Balearic islands, Malta and Cyprus are top of the list for short-haul holidays.

British theme parks are expected to attract big crowds, while English Heritage is staging several events, including battle re-enactments and historic pageants.

More than 19,000 reservations were made on the InterCity East Coast route from King's Cross to Yorkshire, the North East and Scotland, and extra trains were being run.

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IRA urges Britain to hasten peace talks

The IRA indicated yesterday that it would maintain its ceasefire but added that the peace process would succeed only if the Government responded more positively to the truce. In its traditional Easter message, the IRA underlined its anger at John Major's reaction to last year's ceasefire when it called on the Government to "shoulder its responsibilities".

The message, which will be read out at republican rallies throughout Ireland this weekend, is the first significant statement by the IRA since its ceasefire last September. The IRA signalled its commitment to the peace process when it said that republicans entered the "new situation in a spirit of determination, confidence and unity".

However, there was no enthusiastic support for the ceasefire. The IRA referred to the truce only once, and then merely as an "initiative" which was designed to enhance the climate for negotiations. Police uncovered a big haul of loyalist weapons in Holywood on the edge of Belfast yesterday. An area was sealed off and several men were arrested after detectives found a quantity of handguns.

Troops head for Angola

An advance party of British troops left for Angola last night to help launch a United Nations peacekeeping mission in the southern African country, which has been torn by civil war for 20 years. Britain is to contribute to the peacekeeping effort a battalion of 625 soldiers, most of them logistics personnel, who will set up infrastructure in preparation for the arrival of the rest of the 7,000 UN troops.

Benefit revolt feared

Social security ministers are bracing themselves for a revolt against the new incapacity benefit, introduced yesterday, which is expected to leave up to 400,000 people worse off. Incapacity benefit, which replaces invalidity benefit, will make it harder for those claiming long-term sickness and disability to prove that they are incapable of working. Claimants will be subject to a strict medical eligibility test.

Harrods bailiffs 'stunt'

A High Court judge has ruled that the Harrodian School's well publicised use of bailiffs at Harrods, in a dispute over legal costs after the store failed to stop the school using the name, was a "vexacious publicity stunt". Mr Justice Mervyn Davies ruled that the action on February 20, which was given extensive coverage in the media, was "undertaken to cause damage to Harrods' good name".

CS gas trials approved

The Home Secretary has authorised trials of CS gas sprays after chief police officers told him they saw an operational need for an incapacitant spray. Announcing the trials while visiting Exeter yesterday, Michael Howard said: "Anything which helps protect police officers from the violence they face on behalf of the public must be looked at. I support street trials of the sprays to ensure that they are suitable."

Small objects of desire

More than 150 enthusiasts from around the world crowded into Christie's in London yesterday for a sale of rare Dinky toys, between them paying £62,246 for 292 lots. One fan flew from South Africa for the day to bid £240 for three Dinky sports cars in their original boxes. Another paid £209 for a battered, empty, 1938 box, decorated with pencil graffiti, which once contained six aeroplanes.

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Whipless MPs join protest by fishermen

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 200 West Country trawlermen burnt the European Union flag yesterday and called for Britain's withdrawal from the common fisheries policy.

Many of the trawlermen at their meeting in Plymouth wore badges and T-shirts emblazoned with the maple leaf to show their support for Canada in its fish feud off Newfoundland with the EU and Spain.

The meeting was attended by several MPs, including two whipless Euro-rebels, Christopher Gill and Sir Richard Body, who advocate the restoration of national control over Britain's fishing grounds.

Fishermen cheered every mention of Canada and every attack on the EU. A message of support from Jean Chrétien, the Canadian prime minister, drew prolonged applause.

Robert Hicks, Tory MP for Cornwall South East, was jeered when he said that no Government could take Britain out of the common fisheries policy (CFP), however unsatisfactory it might be.

"The CFP is a shambles and there is no doubting it has an adverse effect on our own fishing industry. But we are locked into an international agreement and membership of the European Community, and if anyone thinks any British Government of any political persuasion will withdraw unilaterally, they are mistaken," he said.

Mr Gill, MP for Ludlow, was greeted more warmly when called for the policy to be "terminated forthwith". He added: "I hear politicians who say this cannot be done. That is not so. Parliament can do whatever it wants to do." Donald Webb, chairman of the Looe Harbour Commissioners, said: "The British fishing industry is being made a scapegoat."

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TUC chief warns Blunkett against blaming teachers

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

DAVID BLUNKETT came under pressure yesterday to abandon plans to shut failing schools after a fierce attack by John Monks, general secretary of the TUC. He warned the Shadow Education Secretary against adopting a football-style "sack the manager" approach to teachers struggling in difficult circumstances.

The rift further exposed disquiet among Labour's traditional supporters at the direction of party policy after Mr Blunkett's conversion to school examination league tables and his decision to court grant-maintained schools.

Mr Blunkett disclosed on Tuesday that he was examining a "fresh start" approach that would close schools found to be failing and reopen them with a new head, governors and teachers.

Mr Monks told representatives at the Association of Teachers and Lecturers' annual conference in Harrogate that he hoped Labour was not "adopting the style of football clubs who sack the manager when the team is bottom of the league".

He said no one was defending poor education standards but it was wrong to risk making teachers appear solely responsible. "A system which concentrates its efforts on starting with more sticks than carrots does not seem to me to be the right way to proceed."

Mr Monks said underachieving schools presented a complex series of problems that needed to be recognised and addressed instead of simply putting teachers up front as the main problem to be remedied.

Mr Monks said he would seek a meeting with Mr Blunkett. The TUC wanted a more comprehensive strategy to tackle poor schools while recognising their funding problems and the social and economic disadvantages of pupils. He said: "The area of concern Mr Blunkett is seeking to emphasise will give the wrong impression to teachers and to representative organisations, including the TUC."

Peter Smith, general secretary of the ATL, highlighted the profession's impatience at Mr Blunkett's attempts to court parents as a champion of high standards and old-fashioned discipline by attacking Labour's "soundbite solutions" to truancy, bad schools and teachers. He said education needed a vision from politicians rather than empty sloganeering.

Mr Blunkett, responding to Mr Monks, said he had never attacked teachers doing their jobs well. He said: "We should distinguish between being tough on failure and mediocrity from being tough on those who are struggling to deliver the goods. What I am talking about is doing what you would expect in any other industry or service."

He added: "John Monks should talk to a few football fans. Any football supporter knows that a good manager is important to keep up the morale and motivation of the team. The idea that market forces should destroy a school rather than making a fresh start by creating anew is a strange notion of how we should defend public services."

Mr Smith also told the conference that sleaze at Westminster was putting young people off politics and that a generation could be turning its back on the machinery of democracy and even democracy itself.



Monks: seeking a more comprehensive strategy

Inspectors 'rude and bullying'

BY BEN PRESTON

TEACHERS yesterday accused inspectors of rudeness, arrogance and bullying tactics. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers voted overwhelmingly to open a register to list complaints against the Government's new inspection regime.

The decision reflects widespread suspicion and hostility within the profession towards the system that requires all state schools to be inspected by freelance teams every four years. Ministers regard inspection as a cornerstone of their policy to make schools more accountable. Teachers at the 135,000-strong union's conference said yesterday that the behaviour of inspectors for the Office for Standards in Education often breached their own code of conduct. A survey of 25 association branches found that more than a third found inspectors to be "arrogant, rude and bullying". More than half said the fear of inspection led to increased teacher absenteeism.

Peter Smith, the association's general secretary, said: "This is not teachers squealing but it is a real concern that teams of outsiders of varying quality ride into school and ride out again leaving teachers to pick up the consequences of their often hasty judgments."

Chris Woodhead, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, said: "It would be astonishing if there were no criticisms after inspecting about 3,000 schools in 15 months but Ofsted has only received 64 formal complaints from schools," he said. He invited teachers who believed that inspectors had broken their code of conduct to complain in writing.

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Sex row solicitor 'danced too close'

By Ri[illegible] Home Corr[illegible]

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Murderer tied weights to schoolgirl and dumped her in canal


Lindsay: went to shop

BY PAUL WILKINSON

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of Lindsay Rimer believe the 13-year-old died on the night she disappeared five months ago. They suspect Lindsay's weighted body was slipped into a canal hours before the alarm was raised by her family the following morning.

Yesterday, the day after her body was found in the Rochdale Canal near her home in Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, police said they thought Lindsay knew her killer.

An initial post-mortem examination by Professor Michael Green, a Home Office pathologist, failed to find an obvious cause of death and further tests are being conducted. Detective Superintendent Tony Whittle, who is leading the investigation, said: "Despite that, I am satisfied that Lindsay was murdered. My reason for that belief is that the body was weighted down and put in the canal.

"It is more than likely she knew her killer. She was quite a cautious girl, not streetwise, she is more likely to have got into a vehicle with someone she trusted. Whoever did this is bound to have been affected by it and I believe there is someone within the community who perhaps, since November 8, has suspected they know the identity of the person responsible."

Lindsay disappeared soon after she bought a packet of cereal from a grocer's shop in the centre of Hebden Bridge where she had gone on the night of November 7. Gordon Rimer, 45, her father, later said that he had seen her go out to the shop and had assumed she had gone straight to bed on her return. Neither he nor her mother, Geraldine, 42, had checked her room.

Her fully clothed body was seen floating in the canal by Calderdale council workmen. Recent dredging work is thought to have disturbed the bottom. Detectives were yesterday examining mud from the scene. Bouquets of flowers had been laid near by.

Parts of the canal and the River Calder, which runs close to the street where the Rimer family lives, were searched by police divers last November, but yesterday Mr Whittle admitted they had not searched the area where the body was discovered. He said: "The indication to us was that Lindsay disappeared on her way home. If she went into the canal the flow of water would have taken her body in the other direction. It was a mistake, I recognise that fact."

Lindsay's parents were not at their terraced home yesterday. In a statement they said that the discovery of her body had "ended five months of anguish and worry in the most abrupt and final way. It ended a hope that has sustained us throughout this period." They thanked "the ordinary people of our community and beyond" for their kindness and support.

"Although we now know what has happened to our daughter, the circumstances around her death remain unclear. We will not rest until we have determined what happened."

The Rimers have three other children: Kate, 20; Daniel, 13; and one-year-old Juliet. Mark Clyndes, 38, a close friend and chairman of the Find Lindsay Rimer Appeal, said of the parents: "They have coped extremely well with this and are continuing to do so. It has taken a lot of courage to come this far but I don't think that will desert them now. I think the assumption is that whoever has done this came from within our community."

I'm skint, claims drug mastermind behind £1bn trade

BY EMMA WILKINS AND EDWARD OWEN

HOWARD MARKS, the Oxford graduate who was released after five years in an American jail for racketeering, claimed yesterday that he had failed to profit from 20 years of drug smuggling.

Mr Marks, 49, who had been sentenced to 25 years, once controlled a drugs cartel responsible for shipping cannabis into Britain and America worth £1 billion.

As Mr Marks celebrated his reunion with his wife Judith, 40, and children Amber, 17, Francesca, 14, and Patrick, 8, at their home in Palma, Majorca, he said he was considering a more scholarly career.

Drug Enforcement Agency investigators in America believe Mr Marks has hidden away millions of pounds in illicit profits, possibly in Middle Eastern bank accounts. Mr Marks said his only Swiss bank account had already been confiscated.

"There aren't any bank accounts. I'm absolutely skint. Anyone who can find them is welcome to all of them as long as they give me a nice living wage out of them."

Mr Marks, known to his jailers at Oakdale Prison, Louisiana, as the Mairco Polo of Pot, was extradited from Spain to America six years ago after a "sting" operation involving the late Lord Moynihan, half-brother of Colin Moynihan, the former Sports Minister. Lord Moynihan, who lived in Manila with a succession of wives and owned a brothel, was persuaded by enforcement officers to tape Mr Marks discussing a drug deal. Mr Marks later said that Lord Moynihan had never forgiven him for winning at Trivial Pursuit.

"It's absolutely wonderful to be back home," Mr Marks said. "I have not seen my son Patrick since I left Spain in October 1989. He's now eight."

Mr Marks, the son of a Welsh merchant navy captain, has long favoured the legalisation of cannabis and opposed the abuse of heroin and cocaine. "I think that prohibition causes a lot of unnecessary criminal activity," he said.

Mr Marks's university reputation as an affable rogue was enhanced when he went on the run from police for seven years after his arrest in 1973 on drug smuggling charges. He was finally captured at the bar of an hotel in Lavenham, Suffolk, as he ordered a dry sherry.


Marks: studied in jail

While on remand in 1980 he was let out of Brixton prison for the day to marry his present wife.

After telling the jury at his trial that he was an MI6 agent, Mr Marks was acquitted of drug running, but served six months in prison for the 1973 charge from which he had jumped bail.

While in prison in America, Marks took several courses to add to his second-class degree in physics and a postgraduate qualification in the philosophy of science. He also taught classes in philosophy, English grammar and linguistics.

Mr Marks, who was on remand for two years before his conviction at a Miami court in 1990, was freed because his original sentence was reduced to 20 years at a hearing last year.

"The judge felt I had been punished too harshly – not being allowed to see my wife and not being transferred to a British prison," he said. "He knocked five years off, which made me eligible for parole."

Mr Marks's flight from America landed in Britain last weekend. He was allowed to leave for Majorca because there were no police warrants for him in Britain.

CARL RUTHERFORD


David and Annabel Stapleton on their pathway. "Private: No Footpath" signs have been erected but villagers "are welcome any time"

Couple enjoy room with a deserted view

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A COUPLE have won a 10-year battle to decide who has right of way to a picturesque nature trail 200ft from the drawing room window of their 18th-century Cumbrian home.

For 40 years the respective owners of the 11-bedroom Armathwaite Place have given privileged access to the private path on their 3,000-acre estate to residents of Armathwaite village near Appleby. However in 1992, when Cumbria County Council redrew its maps, it decreed that the walkway, a baby arboretum that is a haven for flora and fauna, was a public right of way. The 1980 Highways Act states that tracks are presumed to have been dedicated as footpaths for eternity if they had been used by the public without interruption, as of right, for 20 years.

However, David and Annabel Stapleton, who bought the house in 1975, fiercely objected to the council's interpretation of the Act. Notices warning people to stay off the land had been in place for decades.

Mr Stapleton, 60, an investment adviser, said: "We were being penalised by an overzealous local authority which decided because we had been generous enough to continue a rural tradition that it enabled the whole world to come and trample all over our home. We were not taking that lying down." The matter was aired at two public inquiries. The couple lost the second but took their case to the Appeal Court. They won.

Mr Justice Owen said he could not find fault with the Department of Environment inspector's finding that Armathwaite villagers had enjoyed access to the path for at least 20 years before 1975. Where he had erred was in finding that there had been an intention on the part of past owners of the property that it should be dedicated as a footpath.

He said the inspector had not given proper weight to evidence of local people who told how in years gone by a gardener at the house used to order children off the path as trespassers on private property.

Mr Stapleton said: "The whole case has been a disgrace. The owner of this house from 1914 to 1957 was strict: no one was allowed on that walkway. The second owner was more relaxed and allowed the local villagers to walk the land. It was soon after the war, before the full dawning of the age of the motor car, and only a handful of people would stroll by."

Last night new signs saying "Private: No Footpath" were going up on the land. "I hope these ones are here to stay," Mr Stapleton said. "And the villagers are welcome any time."

Sex row solicitor 'danced too close'

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE vice-president of the Law Society, who is being investigated over claims of sexual harassment, claimed yesterday that all he had done was dance too closely with a woman.

John Young, 60, pulled out of the election for president of the society after the allegations. However, he claims that the complaints against him were "minor accusations".

Mr Young, a senior partner with City solicitors Cameron Markby Hewitt, surprised the Law Society by speaking out over claims that he had sexually harassed female staff and Eileen Pembridge, a member of the society's ruling council who is also challenging for the presidency.

He said: "These allegations would not have been taken seriously a few years ago. This whole saga was closed two years ago and there was nothing to prevent me standing."

Mr Young from Sevenoaks, Kent, pulled out of the presidential race only days after Ms Pembridge told a legal conference that allegations of sexual harassment had been made against a senior member of the council.

Yesterday Ms Pembridge, 51, said in a statement: "I am sorry that he has had to retire from the race over this."

She said that on Mr Young's election to deputy vice-president she had raised the concerns of herself and a number of women council members and staff over numerous allegations and certain specific incidents.

The allegations were investigated by Mark Sheldon, a past president of the Society. Mr Young was given a warning and gave an assurance about his future behaviour. Mr Sheldon said: "Either I or one of my colleagues discussed the matter carefully with each of the other parties involved. None of them viewed the conduct as in any way serious. None had any wish to lodge a complaint."

Stranger noticed near scene of farmhouse killing

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

TWO women are being interviewed after telephoning police to say they were approached by a stranger in recent weeks near the Buckinghamshire farmhouse where Janet Brown was found murdered.

Neither reported the incident at the time but they responded separately to police pleas for information after Mrs Brown was found dead on Tuesday. Although the man did not threaten or speak to them, they were alarmed by his intense demeanour.

It was disclosed yesterday that a television set was found unplugged close to the naked and handcuffed body of Mrs Brown in her remote farmhouse outside Radnage. Mrs Brown, 51, a nurse, always left the set plugged in at night, her family has told police. The discovery appears to add weight to the theory that she had disturbed a burglar. However, detectives remained keen to follow other lines of inquiry, curious that a woman should meet such a death for the sake of a television.

Mrs Brown's widower, Dr Graham Brown, a research chemist who works in Basle, Switzerland, was too distressed yesterday to continue helping police. He had voluntarily told them where he was, and with whom, at the time of his wife's death in case he was a suspect.

"He is being as helpful as he can," Detective Superintendent Michael Short, leading the inquiry, said. "He insisted for his family to be interviewed, for him to give us every bit of information. Because of their trauma we have had to leave it today." Dr Brown, and the couple's older children Zara, 22, and Benedict, 21, live away from home. Their other daughter Roxanne, 17, was staying with friends when Mrs Brown was murdered.

They have been too upset to return to the farm to identify whether anything has been stolen, although police say that no valuables were obviously missing.

Among the items untouched is a shotgun kept locked upstairs and used for sport. Its existence adds to the mystery over why Mrs Brown would walk downstairs naked after hearing noises. The burglar alarm was ringing when she was found and could have been activated by a panic button in the bedroom if she had heard a burglar. But she also had a telephone upstairs, and most women would be more likely to dial 999 than confront an intruder, detectives believe.

Overwork blamed for GP's suicide

BY MARIANNE DARCH

AN OVERWORKED doctor left a note for his wife attached to a Valentine's Day balloon before killing himself with a shotgun, an inquest was told yesterday.

Dr Anthony Presley was facing family and work problems when he shot himself on a country footpath at Harescombe, Gloucestershire, on March 1, while on sick leave. His wife Christine told the inquest at Gloucester Coroner's Court that lack of sleep caused by night calls led to a deterioration in his health.

The inquest was also told that Dr Presley, 45, of Gloucester, had recently received a warning letter from social service chiefs saying that he was not "going by the rules" when people were put into care.

On the day of his death, his wife returned home to find that he had left her a note attached to a balloon he had given her on February 14. Two horse riders found Dr Presley lying by his Audi car, still alive, on part of the Cotswold Way footpath. His shotgun was in the vehicle with one chamber discharged. He died before emergency services reached him. The coroner recorded a suicide verdict.

MP charged over pickaxe

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE former Scottish Office minister Allan Stewart is to appear in court on a charge of breach of the peace. The minister resigned in February after allegations that he had brandished a pickaxe at protestors demonstrating against the construction of the M77 in Glasgow.

At the time Mr Stewart said he was holding the pickaxe to protect himself and to prevent it falling into the wrong hands. Mr Stewart's son Jack, 17, and his son's friend, David Clow, 16, have been charged with firearms offences. They are due to appear at Paisley Sheriff Court on May 23.

Mr Stewart, the Conservative MP for Eastwood, has been charged with committing a breach of the peace at Pollok Castle estate, Newton Mearns, on February 5.

His son has been charged with two contraventions of the Firearms Act. One relates to the alleged possession of a loaded airgun in a public place without authority or reasonable excuse. The other alleges purchase of an airgun by a person under 17.

David Clow has also been charged with the alleged possession of an airgun in a public place.

Mr Stewart flew to Libya earlier this week to negotiate over the trial of the two men accused of planting the Lockerbie bomb. He is expected home in the next few days.

Adrian Shinwell, a former president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and Mr Stewart's lawyer, said in a statement: "As the matter is sub judice, no further comment in connection with this matter will be made by us or by our client."



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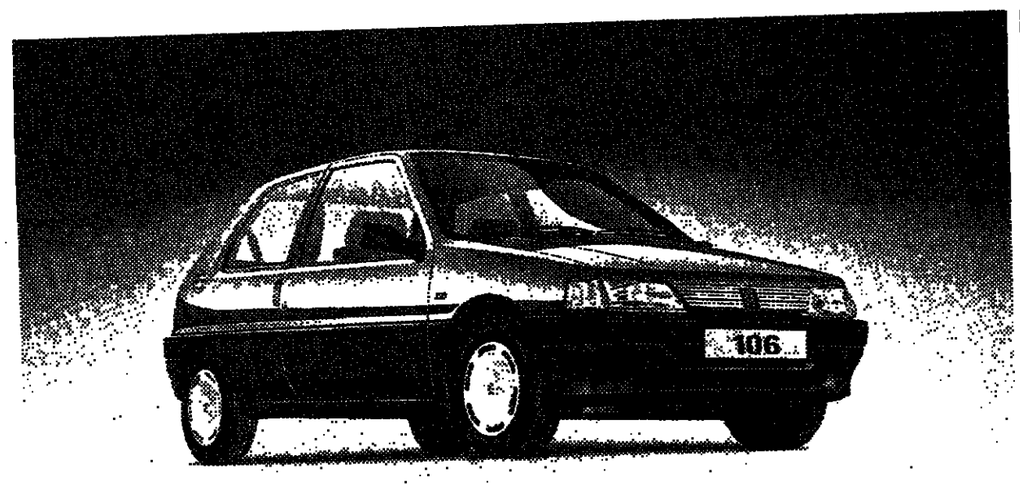
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Macmillan trustees sell major stake to Germans

BY DALYA ALBERGE AND MARTIN WALLER

A GERMAN family-owned publishing company has acquired a majority stake in Macmillan, the last of the leading British family-owned publishing companies.

The publishing and media business founded by the Holtzbrinck family in 1971 has bought almost two-thirds of Macmillan Ltd, founded in 1843, the holding company of a worldwide publishing group with £250 million annual sales owned by trusts for the Macmillan family.

Harold Macmillan, the former Prime Minister, was chairman of the publishers from 1963-67, and chairman of the parent company, Macmillan (Holdings) Ltd, from 1963-1974.

Macmillan counts Ken Follett, Dick Francis and Jackie Collins among its best-selling authors. The company has 2,000 employees.

The sale has come about because the family trustees, who hold 90 per cent of Macmillan shares, felt the need to find a more widely spread source of income for the trusts they administer.

Some 70 per cent of Macmillan is being sold at a price that values the company at £285 million. Macmillan will continue to be run independently.

Holtzbrinck had net sales of about £1 billion in 1994. The group employs 7,000 staff.

The publishing trade was unanimous in saying that foreign ownership was unlikely to affect the British market. Fred Newman, Editor of *Publishing News*, said that the marrying of the two companies was a suitable match.



Collins: a best-selling author for Macmillan

Both have educational titles, strong trade publications, and magazines (Macmillan owns *Nature* and *Nursing Times*; the German group owns *Scientific American*).

Louis Baum, Editor of *The Bookseller*, said that Harold Macmillan would not be turning in his grave. The trustees could have chosen another course, such as breaking up the company or going to the City for extra finance.

"I see Macmillan operating as it always has," Mr Baum said. "Majority ownership by an overseas company will not be an operational factor. It makes it more likely they will carry on with long-term philosophies."

He was among several who pointed out that the publishing world had become international. Penguin, for example, owns a substantial American operation. British publishers Jonathan Cape, Hutchinson and Chatto & Windus are part of Random House, the American-owned group; and Methuen and Secker and Warburg are part of Reed International Books, owned by Reed Elsevier, an Anglo-Dutch group. "I haven't seen any evidence of foreign ownership of UK companies being disadvantageous to UK publishing," Mr Baum said.

Two recent events have conspired to overshadow the book sector. Last summer a number of big retailers decided to cut back heavily on the number of titles on their shelves, which led to a significant slump in sales by publishers and printers.

Last Christmas one of the big high street booksellers went bust. Dillons was dragged under by the financial difficulties of its parent Pentos, and as a result a number of publishers suffered losses.

Derek Terrington, printing and publishing analyst at Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, said: "The market is not impressed with books. The decision by Macmillans to sell, after contemplating a flotation for a long period, is a curious one and seems to indicate some confusion in attitudes or an inability to agree."

DONALD COOPER



Luciano Pavarotti sings King Gustavus in the final dress rehearsal for a revival of the Royal Opera House production of Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera* which opened last night. The American soprano Deborah Voigt sings Amelia

Meningitis victim's family sues authority

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE family of a 16-year-old girl who died of meningitis shortly after a classmate was killed by the same strain is suing a health authority for negligence.

Sophie Deacon, from Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, died three weeks after Zoe Townsend, 16, who also attended The King Alfred County School, fell prey to the meningococcal strain of the bacterium. Somerset Health Authority did not release details of Miss Townsend's death under a confidentiality clause.

Miss Deacon's mother, Christine, and her uncle, Steven Fear, say that she might have been saved if parents at the school had been made aware of the circumstances surrounding Miss Townsend's death.

Ian Smith, the authority's chief executive, said: "Our solicitors are currently dealing with the matter. We have every sympathy for Sophie's family but we cannot comment at this stage."

New vote on women priests in Wales

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A SECOND attempt to introduce women priests into the Church in Wales will begin next week. The first attempt a year ago was defeated by the votes of seven clergymen.

A Bill allowing women to be ordained in the Welsh arm of the Anglican communion will go before its governing body for a first reading, five months earlier than planned. Campaigners fear many of the 68 Welsh women deacons will move to England if their priestly ordination is delayed much longer.

The earlier defeat caused widespread anger and dismay. Bishops and laity voted strongly in favour of following the Church of England, which ordained its first women priests more than a year ago.

Details of the new Bill were outlined in Cardiff yesterday by the Right Rev Ivor Rees, Bishop of St Davids. He believes the introduction of women priests in England will help its chance of success.

The Bill will receive a final reading in September next year, when a two-thirds majority is needed in all three houses of bishops, clergy and laity. It includes a "conscience clause" in which clergymen or parishes objecting to women priests in their area would not automatically be disciplined.

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Radio 4 'God slot' to keep the faith

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC has dropped plans to allow atheists on the "Thought for the Day" slot in *Radio 4's Today programme*, which has been the reserve of religious speakers for more than 20 years.

The Rev Ernest Rae, head of BBC religious broadcasting, said that allowing non-believers to present the three-minute daily slot might have turned it into an exercise in "God bashing".

It is more than 12 months since the BBC considered allowing humanists, secularists or agnostics on "Thought for the Day". Mr Rae said the decision, outlined in the corporation's recently completed religious programmes strategy review document, was taken after consultation with humanist and religious groups.

"Thought for the Day" is there to give a distinctiveness and to throw a different light on news events," he said. "If you secularise it then you dilute that special perspective.

"If you approach a particular slot from the point of view that you don't believe in God, you will move from giving ethical comment on the news to putting you own political viewpoint. It would inevitably turn into an exercise in denying God."

Mr Rae said non-believers were already well represented on other BBC religious programmes. He said the decision could be justified because 72 per cent of the population said they believed in God and 15 per cent said they were active members of religious organisations.

Barbara Smoker, of the National Secular Society, said she was disappointed by the decision but not surprised. "We represent about a third of the population but we don't have a special slot," she said.

Bilby's revenge on Easter bunny

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

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The bilby has soft, grey fur, long ears and a long, pointy, snout. Some Australians describe it as cross between a possum and a rat. It is nocturnal and uses sharp claws to grab for insects.

Its habitat has been devastated by the vast expansion of the rabbit population since the animal's introduction in 1850, and the lesser bilby is presumed to be extinct. The anti-Easter rabbit campaign is backed by other wildlife groups including the Australian Nature Conservation Agency.

Waddesdon Manor, the subject of a Times Magazine article (April 1), is open from Thursday to Sunday each week, and on Wednesdays for pre-booked parties only.

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'Civil disobedience or obstruction of lorries is justified. A lot of people are prepared to be arrested'

Livestock militants promise to renew picketing at ports

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

POLICE are preparing for renewed conflict with animal rights activists after hardcore protesters threatened to break the law in their campaign to stop the export of livestock.

Animal shipments are expected to resume from Dover towards the end of next week after the High Court ruled on Wednesday that bans imposed on the traffic were illegal and a surrender to mob rule. Dover is the most convenient outlet for the livestock trade because of its proximity to the Continent and extensive roll-on, roll-off facilities.

Kent Police said they were rearranging duty rosters, restricting rest days and giving officers extra training in public order maintenance as part of contingency plans to deal with expected demonstrations.

Yesterday, about 30 protesters, many of them middle-aged women, assembled at Dover Eastern Docks in a muted preview of the possible trouble ahead. Waving banners, they gathered round a life-size model of a calf in a "veal crate" of the kind in which many exported animals are reared.

Philip Lymbery, of the moderate Compassion in World Farming, said: "This was a token demonstration to show that the campaign will go on despite the court ruling. Any event or protest we put together will be run along strictly peaceful and lawful lines. We are not here to stop lorries. We are here to tell the trade it has got to stop."

More militant groups made clear that they would not be satisfied with waving banners. Mike Nunn, secretary of the South East Animal Coalition, said: "This trade is morally wrong in my view. Just because a judge in London says it is the law does not mean I have to abide by it."

Mr Nunn, who used to run a chain of butcher's shops but became a vegan after reading a pamphlet on vivisection, added: "We do not approve of attacking lorries because that could hurt other human beings. But any sort of civil disobedience or obstruction of lorries is justified. A lot of people are prepared to be arrested."

All protesters reject the view of Lord Justice Simon Brown that port demonstrations are now pointless and that a decision on whether to ban the livestock trade should be left to Parliament. Sylvia O'Brien, of the Thanet Animal Group, said: "The animals have no spokesmen but us and democracy is not working."

A spokesman for Kent Police, which has 3,100 men at its disposal, said: "Our aim will be to uphold the law and keep the disruption to Dover to the minimum. We hope we will be able to do this without calling in reinforcements from other counties."

The police are worried that disturbances at Dover could cause traffic chaos during the busy holiday period. The port handles 19.1 million passengers a year, 3.2 million cars and 157,000 coaches.

Police in Sussex have already warned exporters at Shoreham that they will be restricted from April 24 to two sailings a week because the police can no longer provide daily escorts for livestock lorries. Lorries turning up on other days risk being charged with causing a breach of the peace.

By contrast, Essex Police have promised a clampdown on demonstrations at Brightlingsea from Tuesday, warning protesters that they risk arrest and prosecution if they obstruct lorries trying to enter the port.

The local campaign group, Brightlingsea Against Live Exports, plans formally to disband on Monday so that the organisation cannot be held legally responsible for the actions of demonstrators.

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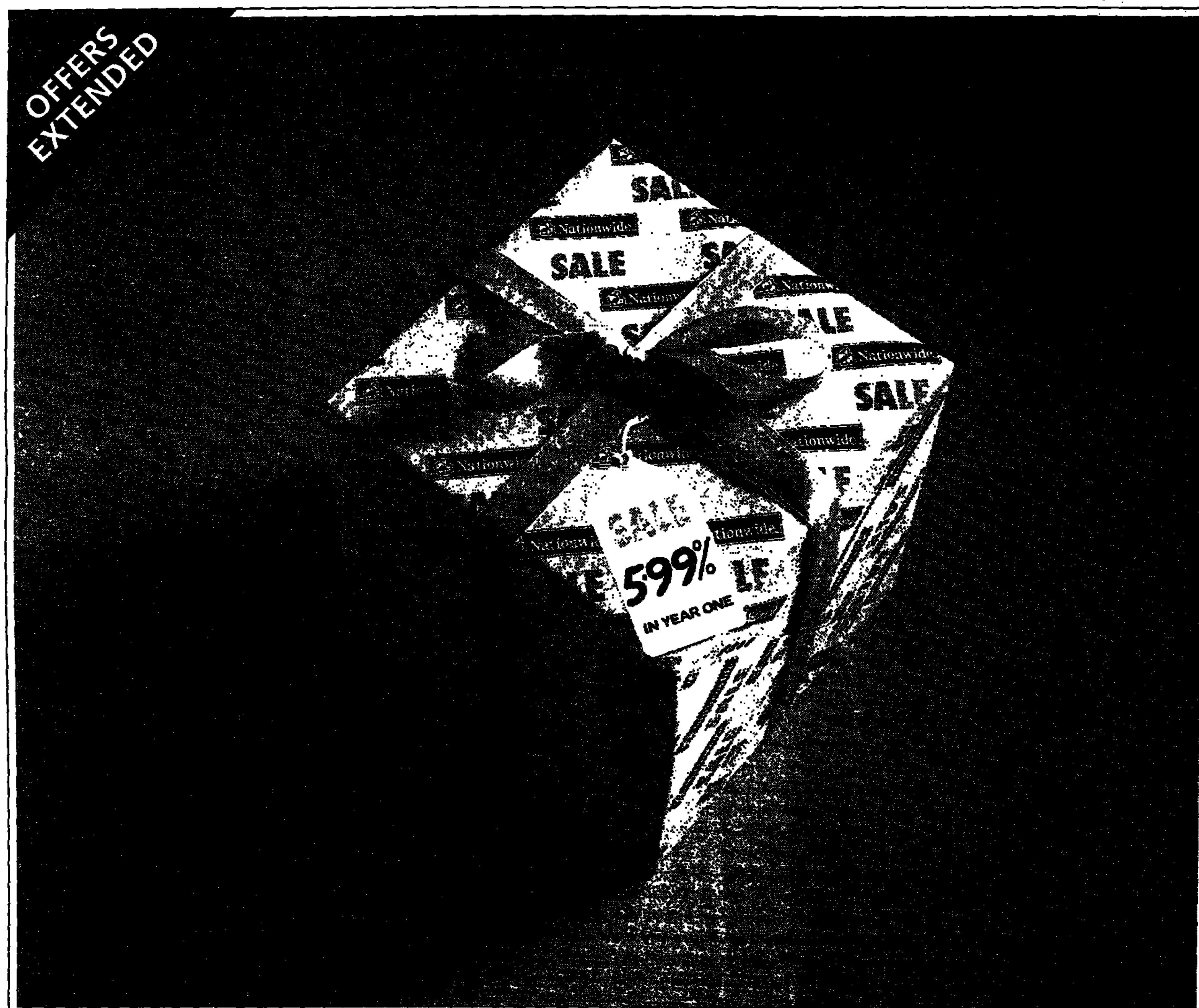
DAVID GILES



Protesters at Dover yesterday provided a small taste of demonstrations to come after a judge lifted the ban on live animal exports from the port

Airport group digs in

A GROUP of animal rights activists was in defiant mood opposite the entrance to Coventry airport yesterday where the makings of an encampment were set up. Some protesters promised to break the law if necessary to further their campaign after the High Court ruling. Lorries carrying veal calves have used the same entrance in the past. As the protesters sunbathed on the grass while waiting for the next consignment — watched by a dozen police, some on horseback — they were united in saying: "We are not going away. We will be here until this trade is stopped."



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Oldest IVF woman has a girl

The oldest woman in Britain to have test-tube fertility treatment has had a daughter. The child, Lauren Jade, was born to 51-year-old Pauline Lyon, of March, Cambridgeshire, by Caesarean section at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, on Wednesday. The hospital said that the mother and 6lb 5oz baby were well. Mrs Lyon has a daughter from a previous marriage.

Dogs unleashed

The film *Reservoir Dogs* has been passed for release on video after the board of film classification overturned its 1993 ruling that it was too violent for home viewing.

Billy revived

Jason Donovan, the actor and pop singer, is to return to the stage playing Billy Liar. Donovan, 26, will tour with the new show *Billy* before a West End opening next spring.

Burglar dies

A man fell 50ft to his death after burgling a neighbour's flat in Newcastle upon Tyne. After the body of Terrence Simpson, 41, was found, police recovered stolen goods.

Boy strangled

Michael Mills, 10, of Bow, east London, was strangled after becoming entangled with his sister's skipping rope, an inquest in Poplar was told. Verdict: accidental death.

Easter bonnet

Mechanics received an Easter surprise when a three-week-old rabbit hopped out from under the bonnet of a Renault 5 at their garage at Lymington, Hampshire.

Britons head for Italy as lira falls

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

DEMAND for Easter breaks in Italy has soared after the collapse in the value of the lira. Tour operators say they have been inundated with requests for last-minute holidays in Italy — rather than in France where the value of the franc continues to increase.

"There is not a seat to be had on flights to Italy throughout the whole of the Easter season," the Italian Tourist Board in London said.

Yasmin Sethna of the Air Travel Group, which specialises in Italian holidays, said that demand for many areas was up by almost 40 per cent. "People are starting to become aware of how inexpensive Italy has become."

The lira was trading at about 2,750 to the pound yesterday compared with 2,300 a year ago. Spending money, it is claimed, will go up to 30 per cent further than in France where there are only about 7.5 francs to the pound compared with 8.3 a year ago.

A loaf of bread in Italy costs the equivalent of 50p, a litre of milk 37p and a bottle of wine £1.29 on average. An evening meal in a trattoria will cost under £10 a head.

Thomas Cook has had to order extra lire for its 500 exchange bureaux to meet a 35 per cent increase in demand over the last three weeks. A spokesman said: "Package holidays to Italy are at least 50 per cent up on last year. The rise in the value of the franc, however, has meant that bookings for France are around 20 per cent down."

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Sales of chocolate eggs reach £300m

BY PAMELA SHARPLESS

SALES of Easter eggs will hit a record £300 million this year, an increase of 25 per cent over the past four years. Children take the biggest share of the market at 37.1 per cent, teenagers 31.7 per cent and adults 31.2 per cent.

Most shops open today but many will close on Sunday. Advertised offers include:

Asda: Asda brie, 95p a lb. Open: today and tomorrow. Check individual stores for Sunday and Monday.

Budgen: Brussels/Ardenne paté (loose from deli) 49p a ¼lb. Open: today, tomorrow and Monday. Some stores open Sunday.

Co-op: Red Mountain instant coffee (100g) £1.99, McVities American Dream Alabama fudge cake/Banoffi pie £1.79. Open: check with stores.

Harrods: simnel cakes, from £6 to £20. Open: today, tomorrow and Monday.

Iceland: single cream 99p a pint; roast mix — potatoes, parsnips and stuffing balls — 99p. Open: today, tomorrow and Monday.

Marks & Spencer: cauliflower, broccoli and carrots, mix bag 99p; two beef and onion puff pasties, 99p. Open: most stores today, tomorrow and selected stores on Monday.

Safeway: British half gammon on the bone unsmoked, 95p a lb. Open: check with stores.

Sainsbury: Sara Lee Double Chocolate Gateau (340g) 99p, white grapefruit 18p each. Open: check with stores, closed Sunday.

Somerfield/Gateway: black grapes loose 54p a lb, salmon spreading paté (113g) 39p. Open: today, tomorrow and Monday.

Tesco: king prawns £1.89 for ¼lb; fresh double cream (284ml) 59p. Open: today and tomorrow. Check with stores for Monday.

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Industry losing £100m a year

Hi-tech thieves steal airtime on mobile phones

BY LIN JENKINS

THE mobile telephone industry is pressing the Government for tougher laws to curb fraud and crime, which is costing the business more than £100 million a year.

Dealing in stolen equipment and number codes is one of the fastest growing areas of crime in the country. Two in every five car break-ins in the Metropolitan Police area involve the theft of mobile telephones.

The industry is particularly alarmed by the theft of airtime, where criminals use sophisticated scanners to pick up the telephone number and electronic serial number of a mobile telephone. They reprogramme stolen equipment with the two numbers and sell it. Such mobile telephones are often sold in pubs, with the buyer told that he has a limited amount of time before the fraud is detected and the service suspended. The calls are billed to the legitimate holder of the telephone number.

Christopher Webb, of the Federation of Communications Services, said: "The bill can be very great, especially if the phone is used for overseas calls. We know of instances where £15,000 worth of calls have been made."

The networks are wise to the practice and monitor normal usage on lines. If the pattern changes markedly — for example, a subscriber who normally makes less than £5 of calls a day clocks up a £100 bill — the service will be suspended until checks are made to see if the rightful owner is making the calls.

Criminals can gather thousands of numbers in one day using a scanner, often at airport terminals or motorway service areas. "We have yet to hear of a subscriber who has had to foot the bill, but it is very inconvenient," Mr Webb said.

The industry believes the problem would be solved if the Government outlawed the "re-chipping" of telephones. "The electronic serial number should be an integral part of the mobile telephone," Mr Webb said.

More than 15,000 mobile telephones are stolen, cloned or scanned each month, yet there are few prosecutions. The Home Office does not consider scanners to be illegal unless they are used with criminal intent. It is also very difficult to prove that a rechipped telephone has been stolen.

Trying to trace the users of stolen airtime on rechipped telephones is fraught with problems. A log of calls might suggest a culprit, but it falls short of the proof required for a successful prosecution. For the three million mobile phone users, the best advice is to insure their equipment.

Digital telephones, which are replacing the analogue service, are less susceptible to scanning. However, the industry believes the rewards from fraud are such that it is only a matter of time before the criminals catch up with the technological developments.

☐ Roman Catholic Church authorities are investigating how a presbytery in Ireland received a huge telephone bill for calls to sex lines. The local priest has assured parishioners that the culprit was not from the church. Canon Denis O'Mahony said that the bill had been run up by someone taking advantage of the vulnerability to fraud of cordless telephones.

The itemised bill sent to the presbytery at Castleisland, Co Kerry, showed up to two calls a day to sex lines over two months, at a cost totalling IR£800. The church has now dispensed with the cordless phone.

TIM OCKENDEN



The QE2 returning to her home port of Southampton early yesterday morning after her four-month world cruise that started disastrously

Refit storm blows over as QE2 sails home

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE passengers who left Southampton last December on the refitted *QE2*, which was in a "horrific condition", returned yesterday having put the troubles behind them.

"Eventually we had a fabulous time," *Bill Cowie, 66, a retired company director, said. Mr Cowie paid about £50,000 for the world cruise for himself and his wife. "We waited eight hours for our cabin and when we found it the toilet didn't flush and we had no electricity," he said.*

Just hours before the Cunard flagship was due to set sail after its £30 million refit, 500 passengers were told they could not embark because bathrooms were not ready.

Cunard has compensated passengers but Mr Cowie said: "She should not have set sail before she was ready and then nobody would have been dissatisfied."



Liner's happy return

Virene Wells, 88, of Rochford, Essex, had to sleep on chairs in the ship's ballroom when she found her cabin had not been completed. "After three days I decided I was not going to be treated like this and I went off to find my cabin," she said. "I laid down on the bed and it collapsed. I rolled off and knocked my head on a chest of drawers.

"When I went to have a shower the water scalded me and part of the roof fell down and hit me. I did regret going for a long time — I have never seen a ship with so much trouble."

Another passenger criticised the people who are suing Cunard. Bill Semmens, 65, a retired builder of Sarisbury, Hampshire, said: "They are just trying to make a fast buck — they should be chucked overboard. I was given a free transatlantic cruise and to me that was like winning the lottery."

About 450 passengers were continuing on the liner to New York yesterday.

Pollution blamed for infertile men

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

GLOBAL pollution is to blame for the halving of sperm counts among men over the past 50 years and the sharp rise in abnormalities of the male reproductive system, according to scientists.

There is growing evidence that the rise in male infertility is linked to the effects of hormone-like chemicals in the environment, the scientists from Britain, America, France, Finland and Denmark say in a report.

The group, led by Professor Niels Skakkebaek of the University of Copenhagen, who was the first scientist to observe changes in human sperm, says that the exposure of the male foetus to high levels of the chemicals in the first three months of pregnancy could be the vital trigger.

The report, published by the Danish Government, says that research into the effects of environmental pollution on male fertility is now a matter of urgency. Evidence from infertility clinics suggests that couples in whom the problem is on the male side have risen from one in ten to one in four.

The scientists say the main culprits are chemicals that mimic the effects of the female hormone oestrogen, which plays a key role in the sexual development of the foetus. These chemicals, called xeno-oestrogens, are in wide daily use for industry, agriculture and the home. They include pesticides such as DDT, and industrial chemicals.

In a leading article, *The Lancet* says the findings are a matter for international concern and action. What is particularly worrying, it says, is that defects that may be induced in babies born now may not become apparent for 20 to 40 years. "If further decline is to be prevented action is needed now to determine the causal factors and ascertain how they operate."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Clue to puzzle of Aids tumour

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

A few years ago my wife went to the casualty department at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London. The waiting room was packed but she saw there were empty seats on either side of a diffident young man. A second glance told her why; his face was disfigured by the dark red, round raised plaques of Kaposi's sarcoma, the tumour that is common in patients who are HIV positive. Aware that HIV is not caught by sitting beside strangers, she was able to wait in comfort.

One of the puzzles of medicine has been why patients who develop Kaposi's sarcoma have usually caught HIV through sexual contact whereas those who have been infected by blood transfusions are spared.

This riddle may have been solved by pathologists working at Columbia University, New York. *General Practitioner* magazine reports that similarities have been found between DNA recovered from the sarcoma and that found in viruses of the human herpes group. This new viral DNA was demonstrated in over 90 per cent of patients with Aids-related sarcoma, in those with Kaposi's sarcoma who did not have Aids, but was absent in other people.

This research helps to strengthen the theory that Kaposi's sarcoma may be caught independently, but in a similar way to HIV, and becomes manifest once the immune system starts to break down.

Before HIV became widespread Kaposi's sarcoma was a rare skin tumour found only in patients with Italian or Jewish ancestry. It is now common, and much more virulent, and it is often one of the first signs that the immune system is beginning to crumble and that the patient's illness can now be classified as Aids.

The reddish tumours may be so dark that they appear purple, or nearly black. They not only grow in the skin and the mucosal surfaces, such as the inside of the mouth, but also attack lymph glands and other organs. The skin tumours often appear, as they had in the Moorfield patient, around the centre of the face and nose and are easily visible to strangers. Treatment has hitherto been with interferon or the combination of various cytotoxic drugs. This latest discovery could lead to new forms of therapy.

☐ *Dr Thomas Stuttaford's medical column appears every weekday in The Times: on the Body and Mind page on Tuesday and Thursday and in Home News on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.*

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British company helps to restore gentlemanly era before technology invaded the tee

Dawdling golf ball turns game full circle

BY JOE JOSEPH

FLYING in the face of modern sporting technology that can send tennis balls speeding at 120mph and produce football boots sculpted for greater accuracy, an American golf-lover has commissioned a British firm to make antique golf balls that will travel only half the distance the modern meteors can manage.

The throwbacks will add the final touch of authenticity to Oakhurst Links in West Virginia, America's oldest golf club, which he has been restoring to life.

Built in 1884 in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, the course was overrun by 1912 and forgotten until Lewis Keller, a property developer, bought the site and returned the nine holes to their original architecture. Argyll V-necks have been replaced with frock coats and plus fours, and Ping putters by hickory-shafted clubs. The pint-size fairways are trimmed by grazing sheep.

The final problem was finding a source of rubber-filled gutta-percha balls that would travel only a gentlemanly 150 yards or so instead of the showy 300 yards that big hitters can achieve by walloping modern aerodynamic, computer-designed balls. The new wonders bear about as much relationship to the original 17th-century feather ball, made of boiled feathers jammed into a small leather sack, as they do to moon rock.

So while tennis federations continue to dither over whether to slow the game with balls that are fluffier, Mr Keller went looking for a manufacturer with the old skills. His choice was Penfold, in Birmingham.

Penfold makes eight million golf balls a year. William Baird, its sales director, said: "The first ones we made for Lewis Keller, from synthetic rubber, were going about 180 to 190 yards.

"The moulds are about 65 years old and our ball's properties will be very similar to the old gutta-percha balls. They have a lattice pattern of square dimples rather than the round dimples you get today.

"Our second batch went 170 to 180 yards. Mr Keller wrote to us saying, 'We need to reduce the distance to 150 to 160 yards. But the balls feel wonderful when hit with our hickory sticks.' So we've been detuning them so they don't go quite so far. The final samples will be going out this week."

Speaking from Oakhurst's restored clubhouse, Mr Keller, who is in his 70s, said that the course, which hosted America's first known tournament in 1888, plays 1,995 yards. "Modern golf equipment would just overpower the course. It would just not be any fun. Mr Faldo would not have any difficulty driving the ball to the green.

"They did not have pars for courses in those days. The lowest score won the hole, and the winner of the hole chose what hole to play next. But if you related it to par today, the course would be a par 36, using hickory sticks. You could knock six strokes off that if you were using modern equipment."

Penfold's is banking on an initial order of 5,000 for its repro balls but reckons that tourist golfers, bad slicers and souvenir shoppers at Oakhurst Links will swell demand. The price is about £2, what a modern top-grade ball costs.

Mr Keller has owned the land that Oakhurst Links is on since 1960. He always knew there was an antique course hidden under the fields on which he grazed his racehorses — Cary Montague, son of the first owner, left him notes and outlines — but it was not until 1991 that he and his son, Lewis junior, assisted by Bob Cupp, the golf course designer who crafted East Sussex National, started researching the project. And it was not until last year that the course was excavated. It will open for membership and the public next month.

Mr Cupp said: "It was an archaeological exercise, not a design job, and it was a thrill. We took our entire crew up there for eight days and worked in the field — sweating, digging and raking.

"We did most of it by hand and we found soil types in the preparation process that confirmed the green and bunker locations."



Golfers on Blackheath using gutta-percha balls and hickory clubs in 1870. Their style will be revived on an American course. Illustration: Hulton Deutsch

Precision designs put goose feathers to flight

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE modern golf ball is far removed from the one that saw the birth of the game in Scotland.

Only 140 years ago players strode around the course with a hand-stitched, leather ball stuffed with goose feathers. Today there are broadly three kinds of ball made for driving ranges, courses and the professionals.

Ranges, which among their ranks attract a high proportion of incurable optimists whose enthusiasm outweighs their finesse, tend to use a moulded, solid ball that is cheap and able to withstand heavy punishment.

Most club players hack round with a two-piece ball made of a solid moulded centre coated with plastic. Some, with deeper pockets, may use the three-piece ball favoured by top professionals made of a liquid or rubber core around which is woven a single, stretched piece of elastic. The outside of the modern professional's ball is a natural rubber called Balata, which gives wonderful backspin.

However, Peter Smewin, works director at Penfold in Birmingham, said that the balls used by the likes of Nick Faldo were unlike those available in the local pros shop. Golf ball makers can adjust the weight of the central liquid bag, which often contains the heavy salt barium sulphate in a paste, so each one is precisely within the limit of 45.69 grams laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

The compression, a measure of hardness, of high-quality golf balls is normally 70 or 90. "Faldo is likely to use a high-compression ball of probably 110 or 120," Mr Smewin said. A top professional's balls are also chosen individually so that the compression is identical. "If you buy a dozen balls from the shop the compression is likely to vary," he said.

Space-age materials give big hitters an extra 40 yards

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

BOBBY JONES, the legendary American golfer who won the Amateur and Open championships of Britain and the US in 1930, is considered to have played almost the perfect round when he took 66 strokes over the Old Course at Sunningdale in 1926.

Jones's four-under-par round was made up of 33 shots from tee to green and 33 putts. It contained only threes and fours, no twos or fives. He failed to hit only one green in the correct number of strokes and did not hole one long putt. What is more, he did it using the technology of the day.

The difference between the clubs and balls that Jones used in the 1920s and those his successors use 70 years later is apparent when his clubs are compared with those available to his modern day counterpart, Tiger Woods, the best amateur in the world. The 19-year-old Stanford University student was the top amateur in last week's Masters at Augusta, Georgia.

On the Berkshire course, Jones used hickory-shafted woods to drive from the tee and to play the longest strokes from the fairway. The heads of these clubs were made of dried persimmon, probably cut from trees grown in Kentucky. The clubs' shafts varied in quality, strength and torque. They were subject to warping in the rain and stiffening in extreme cold.

Jones's putter was hickory-shafted, too. It had a rusty steel head known as a blade head because of its resemblance to the blade of a knife. Jones called it Calamity Jane.

Woods has the benefit of equipment that uses space-age technology and materials. The "woods" would have metal heads, which are more forgiving than wood. Woods with heads 25 per cent bigger than normal to help to generate clubhead speed, and thus distance, are now commonplace. So are shafts of titanium, which is 40 per cent lighter than steel.

Jones was regarded as a long hitter but would have averaged no more than 270 yards. Woods, a prodigious driver, hit the ball further than everyone last week, averaging nearly 310 yards from the tee. Much of the **extra distance Woods and others achieve is due to improvements in golf ball manufacture. No longer does it comprise rubber thread wound tightly around a solid rubber core and encased in gutta percha.**

Today's ball comprises a rubber sack filled with liquid that is frozen while 22 metres of elastic thread, stretched to ten times its length, is wrapped around it. Then the two halves of the cover are fused and painted. The cover material is balata, which comes from the Brazilian rain forests.

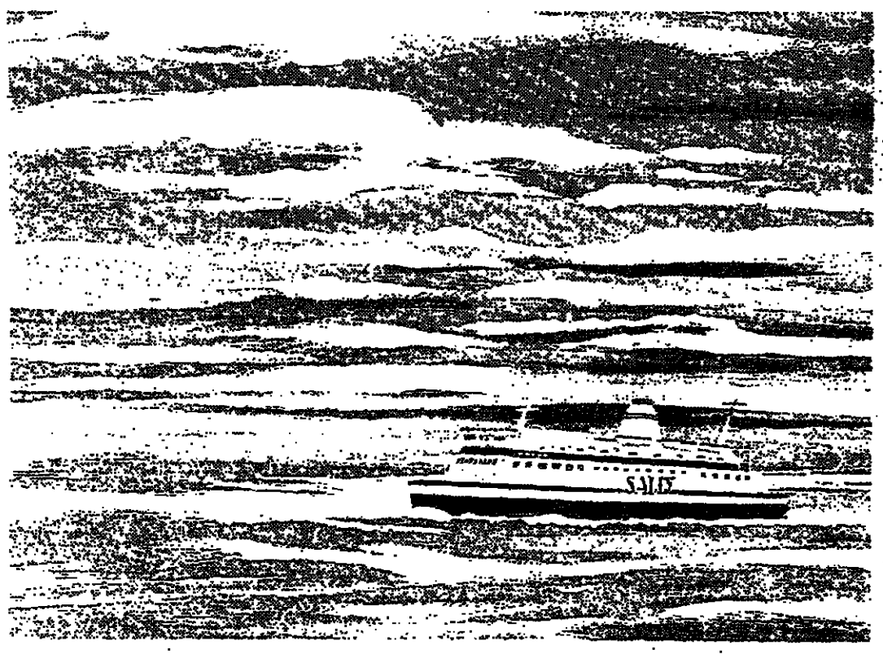
There is a price to pay for these technological advances. Jones's clubs probably cost half a week's wage. Today's space-age monsters can cost hundreds of pounds each.



Woods: high-tech clubs



Jones: hickory shaft



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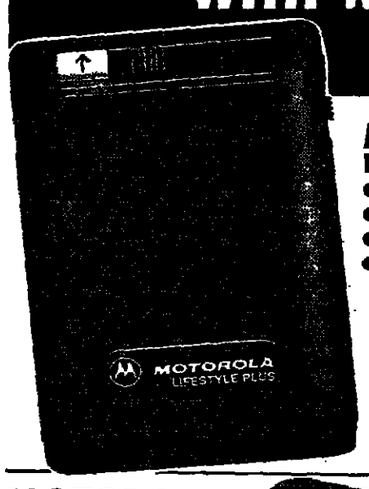
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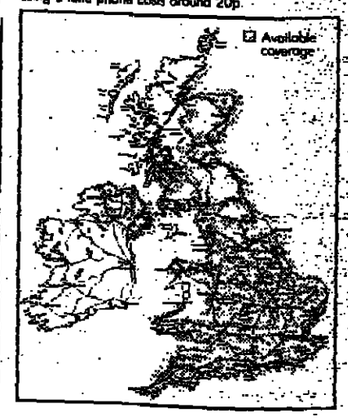
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Jerusalem braced for outbreak of religious delusion

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AS RECORD numbers of Jewish and Christian tourists flock to Jerusalem for the joint Passover and Easter weekend, staff at the city's Kfar Shaul psychiatric hospital are braced for new victims of "Jerusalem Syndrome," a delusional state caused by the religious surroundings.

Some sufferers become convinced that they are the saviour or some other biblical figure such as John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary or King David reborn. Others become disoriented and certain they have been given a special message by God or otherwise have opened direct communications with Him.

Since records began 15 years ago, an average of 40 cases a year have been treated. This is expected to grow with the approach of the year 2000, as every millennium is known to encourage an increase in religious sentiment.

"This weekend, there is certain to be a jump in the numbers coming for treatment because the two religious festivals happen to coincide," said Yair Bar-el, chief psychiatrist at the hospital, who has published a study on the phenomenon.

Among recent victims from Britain was a 35-year-old office worker from Manchester who was treated after she stripped naked on the Temple Mount and told police she needed someone to make her pregnant. "She was convinced that she needed to have sex because she said she wanted to produce a second Jesus Christ. Like most victims, she was brought here and after a few days' treatment involving tranquillising drugs, she was calm enough to be allowed home," Mr Bar-el said.

He divides sufferers into 80 per cent who, like the woman from Manchester, have a history of mental disorder and are often attracted to Jerusalem for that reason, and the rest who arrive perfectly sane and are then afflicted. Most are single and in their 20s or 30s.

"Some of the sufferers see Jerusalem as something of a corridor between our planet and heaven where they are suddenly impelled to do something," Mr Bar-el said. "Others are afflicted because they cannot reconcile the modern realities of the holy city with their expectations. The result is to drive them to retreat from their personal reality."

Another sufferer treated recently was a 24-year-old shop assistant from Wales who was found wandering in a near trance on the road to the occupied West Bank town of Bethlehem. "For the first day, she was in such a state she was not even able to say her name," Mr Bar-el said. "But later we found she had come to Jerusalem to resolve an 'internal war' in her head between two voices. One was Jesus Christ and it informed her she was the Virgin Mary, and the other was a female voice who told her that she was a whore."

Among more than 500 tourists already treated for the syndrome have been a British teacher, aged 36, who burst into the emergency room of a Jerusalem hospital claiming she was miscarrying the baby Jesus and a burly Canadian who demonstrated his credentials for being "Samson" and nearly escaped from a security ward by smashing through a wall. A "John the Baptist" tried converting some of the Jewish mental patients suffering from more routine disorders.

Mr Bar-el first identified the syndrome when comparing the numbers of visitors requiring psychiatric treatment with the totals in other tourist destinations around the world. "There is something about the city that has this peculiar effect," he said. "For instance, I shall never forget the Danish teacher who became convinced that it was in Jerusalem, and only in Jerusalem that he was able to speak directly with both Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary."

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A hooded penitent carries a censer in a Holy Week procession in Saragossa yesterday. Similar Easter processions are being staged throughout Spain

Mandela blames advisers over sacking of wife

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Mandela said yesterday that the South African Government's credibility remained unshaken despite a setback over the reinstatement of his estranged wife Winnie as a deputy minister.

However, Mr Mandela hinted that his advisers were at least partly to blame for the three-week drama.

"I think that I have got very good advisers except in this particular case," Mr Mandela said in his first public comment on the matter since his wife's reinstatement on Wednesday.

Speaking in Nairobi during a stopover on his way home from a visit to four Gulf countries, he said: "The reputations of governments are not affected by issues of this nature."

As his opponents said that he had allowed South Africa to appear like a banana republic, Mr Mandela refused to say if he would sack Mrs Mandela again as predicted by government sources in South Africa. "We will cross that bridge when we reach it," the President said.

The President dismissed his wife as Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology on March 27, only to rescind ed her dismissal as "invalid" after she took legal action. Last night, after returning to South Africa, he went into a huddle with his advisers, anxious, as a government official put it, "to deal with the matter expeditiously and without leaving any loopholes".

Mr Mandela said in Nairobi that he had been forced to reappoint his wife because he wanted to uphold South Africa's constitution.

Professor Jakes Gerwel, the head of the President's private office, denied that the office had managed the affair badly. Professor Gerwel said that the President had indicated that his decision to appoint and terminate the services of ministers and deputy ministers was a political matter and not an administrative act, and he was therefore not obliged explain his reasons in public.

Fanus Schoeman, the National Party director general, said yesterday that the incident had undermined the credibility of Mr Mandela's Government. "For a minister to fight her dismissal on a technicality makes a mockery of the democratic system," he said.

"We have created the impression around the world that we are just another banana republic." Martinus van Schalkwyk, a National Party spokesman, said.

Mrs Mandela's reinstatement was welcomed by some members of a populist tendency in the African National Congress. Major-General Bantu Holomisa, the Deputy Minister of Environment Affairs, called on Mr Mandela not to sack his wife again and urged him to meet her to "get the other side of the story".

Bionic ear for babies unveiled



World trials of the tiny bionic ear are planned

Melbourne: Australian scientists yesterday launched a bionic ear for babies which they described as the first of its kind in the world.

The device is half the size of an adult implant, which is too big to be used by children under the age of two, and can sit flat on the skull of a six-month-old baby. It was developed by Professor Graeme Clark, in conjunction with Melbourne University and a private company.

"Our recent results show that on average children can understand over 60 per cent of words in a sentence without needing lip-reading help with the aid of a bionic ear," Professor Clark said.

The prototype micro-bionic ear had been tried successfully on adults in Melbourne and it was hoped implants would be carried out on children within a few months. Trials of the device around the world are being planned.

Professor Clark said the performance of the bionic ear was better when received at an early age.

"Ideally, we should operate on children as young as six months of age so that they can learn speech and language when their brains are at the crucial stage," he added.

He said the first bionic ear implant clinic in the world was established in Melbourne in 1982. About 10,000 people in 45 countries are believed to have been fitted with the device. *(AFP)*

Chernobyl to close by 2000

Kiev: President Kuchma of Ukraine had talks with a European Union representative yesterday and agreed to close the Chernobyl nuclear power station before 2000, the Interfax Ukraine news agency reported.

The agency quoted Vladimir Gorbulin, the head of Ukraine's Security Council, as saying that Mr Kuchma had fixed the date in talks with Michel Barnier, the French Environment Minister. A gas-fired power station is to be built to make up for the shortfall in energy. *(Reuter)*

Walesa son sent to jail

Warsaw: Przemyslaw Walesa, 21, son of the Polish President Lech Walesa, was jailed for two years in Gdansk for causing a car accident, drunk-driving, trying to hit a police officer and other offences, the PAP news agency reported. Judge Marek Wojtala refused to suspend the sentence despite requests from both prosecution and defence lawyers, the agency said. The sentence, stemming from an incident in November 1993, is open to appeal. *(Reuter)*

Envoy recalled in Kurds protest

Ankara: Turkey is to recall its ambassador to The Netherlands immediately for consultations after a Kurdish parliament in exile was set up in The Hague. A Turkish spokesman said the Government was "saddened" that the Netherlands, a Nato ally, had allowed the parliament, accusing it of "an open breach of its international responsibilities concerning the fight against terrorism". *(Reuter)*

Vienna gets new archbishop

Vienna: The Vatican sought yesterday to defuse a row among Austria's Roman Catholics by appointing a successor to Cardinal Hans Hermann Groer as Archbishop of Vienna. The cardinal is alleged to have sexually molested a former pupil. The successor is Vienna's suffragan bishop, Christoph Schoenborn, aged 50. *(Reuter)*

Baghdad bar on pilgrims

Baghdad: Iraq is for the first time not allowing any of its Muslims to go on pilgrimage to Mecca this year because their foreign currency needs could damage the Iraqi dinar, the Minister of Religious Affairs, Abdul-Muneim Ahmed Saleh, said, blaming UN trade sanctions. *(Reuter)*

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Itinerary

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Day 2 Excursion by private launch to visit the gardens of Villa Monastero in Varenna continuing to Bellagio to visit the gardens of Villa Melzi d'Eril.

Day 3 Full day at leisure to relax or explore the area independently. Dinner in the hotel.

Day 4 Excursion by private launch to Villa Carlotta at Cadenabbia to view the interiors and gardens. The setting is superb, the views just perfect and the gardens diverse and fascinating. Free time in Lenno for lunch. Afterwards we make a private visit to the gardens of the Villa Balbianello, one of the loveliest of the west lake shore gardens of Lake Como. Return to the hotel for dinner.

Day 5 Transfer from Menaggio to Verona, stopping en route in the old city of Bergamo. Escorted by the official guide, we will tour the city following which we will stop for lunch at Trattoria del Teatro. Arrive in the late afternoon into Verona and check into the hotel, dinner will be at the hotel, the evening is at leisure.

Day 6 After breakfast we will take a guided tour of Verona, a fascinating and lively city. Its medieval heart of narrow cobbled streets seems to have changed scarcely since the time of its lovers Romeo and Juliet. The busy Piazza delle Erbe throngs with market crowds by day and elegant strollers by night. In contrast there are quiet courtyards and squares framed by pink-stoned buildings and gracious churches.

In the afternoon we will visit the medieval town of Mantua. We will make a visit to the Palazzo Ducale. This late-13th century home of the Gonzaga family resembles more a fortress than a palace. Return to the hotel for an early dinner before departing for the Arena for our first opera performance.

Day 7 Free day in Verona. Dinner at the hotel prior to our departure to the Arena for our second opera performance.

Day 8 Following breakfast, we will depart for Venice. Our private boat will depart from Piazzale Tronchetto for St. Mark Square, following which there will be a guided tour, including a visit to the Doges' Palace. There will be some free time for lunch and independent sightseeing in Venice before returning in the late afternoon to our hotel. Dinner will be served in the hotel prior to our departure to the Arena for our final Opera performance.

Day 9 Depart from Verona by road to Venice for our early afternoon flight with British Airways to London Heathrow.

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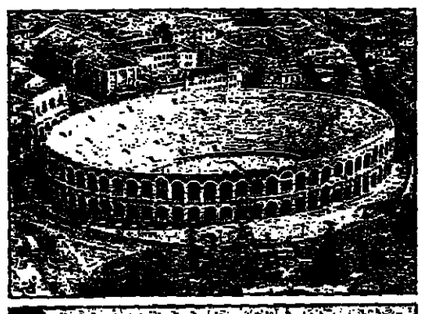
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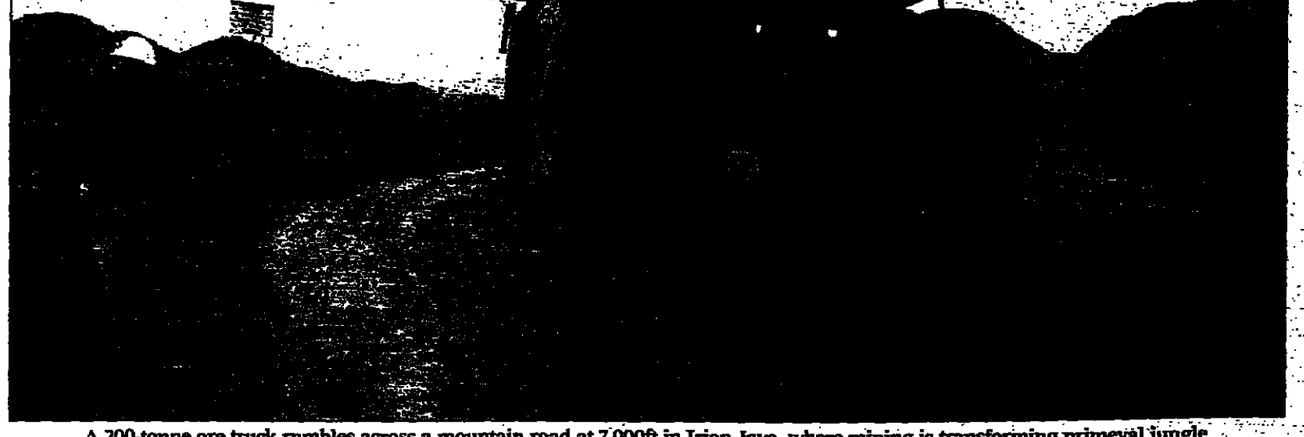
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Irian Jaya tribes retreat in face of mining onslaught

FROM DAVID WATTS IN TIMIKA, IRIAN JAYA, INDONESIA


DAVID WATTS

A 200-tonne ore truck rumbles across a mountain road at 7,000ft in Irian Jaya, where mining is transforming primeval jungle

"THEY'VE just put in the first white road markings: pretty soon there'll be traffic lights." The Southern drawl booms incongruously over this frontier town nestling in the Indonesian rain forest.

Like something out of turn-of-the-century America, Timika is essentially the result of the exploitation of a billion tonnes of copper and gold ore. This part of Indonesia's "wild east" has been turned into an extra-territorial stretch of the United States.

The regret in the voice of Roger Austin, vice-president for public relations of the mining conglomerate, Freeport Indonesia's, is over the passing of the frontier spirit. But this is nothing compared to the price being paid by the peoples of Irian — whose males still wear penis gourds and carry bows and arrows — at Freeport's intrusion into sacred lands and a culture which is thousands of years old. That price is being highlighted by reports of violence against the Dani and Amungme people in recent months which have resulted in the deaths or disappearances of 37 tribal people, according to the Australian Council for Overseas Aid. Last Christmas Day, three people were reported killed when supporters of a free Papua raised their flag.



PT Freeport has denied allegations that its own security men have been involved in any incidents. Now the Australian Government is to investigate alleged killings by the Indonesian armed forces and indications that more indigenous people will be displaced as the firm expands.

Indonesia took over the territory in the so-called "Act of Free Choice" which was supposed to be a United Nations-organised plebiscite. In the event, Irian joined Indonesia after 1,000 representatives, hand-picked by Jakarta, voted to join the republic in 1969.

PT Freeport Indonesia — part-owned by RTZ of Britain — has gouged away the top of one mountain to recover the precious ore and is now set to expand exploration for deposits over a further 11 million acres of central Irian Jaya, much of which is sacred to people who have inhabited the island for 40,000 years. The economic logic is compelling, with production costs at about 39 cents (24p) per pound of copper and a world price at about $1.30. Timika and the Freeport company town, Tembagapura, lie in the shadow of the mine 7,000 feet up in the mountains that form the backbone of Irian. It is arguably the most dramatic civil engineering project in the world. The access road alone — which had to be cut through jungle along perilous ridges — was described by the American construction corporation Bechtel as the most difficult project they had undertaken.

The mine itself is straight out of a James Bond fantasy with huge mechanical shovels taking 75-tonne bites out of the rock face and loading the ore into 200-ton, 2,500 horsepower trucks before the copper and gold-bearing ore is crushed and suspended in a slurry to be pumped more than 70 miles to the coast for loading on to freighters bound for markets in Europe, Asia and North America.

Since the arrival of PT Freeport as the first main foreign investor in Indonesia after President Suharto took power in 1967 the firm's presence has been opposed by many local tribespeople. But the firm has had the strong support of the Indonesian military: air attacks were launched against early attempts to oppose the mining operations.

There has been criticism, too, of the environmental damage caused by the firm. James "Jim-Bob" Moffett, chairman and chief operating officer of the parent firm, Freeport McMoRan of Louisiana, is said to have dismissed such criticism with the comment that any pollution the firm caused was "equivalent to me pissing in the Arafura Sea". But he now recognises that PT Freeport needs a clean bill of environmental and social health.

Though Freeport has displaced the Irianese from their mountain homes, whence they fled in ancient times to escape the threat of lowland malaria, the company has moved to organise many of the displaced in a small coastal settlement called Kwamki Lama. Here they have a chance to learn trades and some English from the wives of company executives. The firm, too, encourages the development of local cultural skills such as wood carving. But such measures can only be a small palliative for the reality that very few Irianese are actually employed in the relatively highly-paid mining work — only 13 per cent of the workforce is Irianese.

Suharto attacks critics

Jakarta: President Suharto of Indonesia, returning from a visit to Germany, threatened yesterday to take stern action against Indonesians who participated in protests against him during his trip.

"These people are insane and irrational," he told reporters. "Any disagreement among ourselves should be settled between ourselves."

He also denounced Amnesty International, the human rights group, saying it organized the protests in Germany by bringing together "frustrated people" who back separatist movements in Indonesia, notably East Timor. *(AP)*

Japanese trawl seas and roads for cultists

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN TOKYO

MORE THAN 20,000 police were involved in manning and setting up a thousand roadblocks throughout Japan yesterday in the hunt for the missing leaders of the religious cult suspected in Tokyo's nerve gas attack.

Officers checked identification cards of passengers and searched vehicles. The coast guard, meanwhile, checked ships along Japan's western coast because of suspicions that Shoko Asahara, the cult's leader, may have fled by boat. But a spokesman for the sect, Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth), said Asahara was still in Japan.

One senior member, Kiyohide Nakada, was arrested as he left a Tokyo TV studio. News reports identified him as a former gangster and a current leader of the cult's "commando corps," which recaptures escaped members.

Police said that they had discovered members of the group retooling replica guns into functioning weapons. Handguns are banned in Japan, but model guns are legal.

Baby boy installed as living buddha

FROM REUTER IN PEKING

THE two-year-old son of a herdsman has ascended the throne of the Tibetan Buddhist Ta'er temple in western China as the 14th reincarnation of its living buddha, officials said yesterday.

Losang Badan Qoigya Wangxiu was recently identified as a buddha incarnate five years after the death of the 13th Jiayang Buddha, who lived in the sprawling 16th century temple and monastery complex in western Qinghai province, a temple official said by telephone. "We found the reincarnation after looking in the direction given by the 13th Jiayang Buddha before he died," the official said.

Officials registered the names of 200 babies born over an eight-month period in the area indicated by the 13th reincarnation, writing each name on a slip of paper and then burying the slip in a ball of barley flour dough, he said. The balls were placed on the altar of a local shrine and an elimination process identified the baby son of a herdsman.

China evades risky funeral for veteran

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

IN A display of political unease, Peking announced yesterday that there would be no state funeral for Chen Yun, the most senior member of the Communist Party, who died on Monday aged 90.

Chen Jian, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the decision was taken in accordance with the former Prime Minister's wishes and "relevant regulations."

All Chinese leaders ask that their funerals be kept simple, and in virtually every instance this is ignored. However, such ceremonies tend to result in crises.

Soon after Chou En-lai died in 1976, followed by grand ceremonies, he was attacked in a newspaper associated with the Gang of Four. Ten days later, on April 4, a huge crowd gathered in Tiananmen Square, with speakers hailing the late Prime Minister, praising his exiled disciple, Deng Xiaoping, and criticising the Gang. The demonstration was put down brutally, but it was a mark of the return of Mr Deng that it was later declared to have been "democratic."

Mao Tsetung's death in December 1976 was followed almost at once by the arrest of the Gang and the start of the shift away from Maoism.

The third great state funeral was in April 1989, for Hu Yaobang, who had been forced to resign as party General Secretary two years before. This sparked the 1989 Tiananmen demonstrations when discontented students recalled that one of the reasons Hu had been disgraced was his sympathy for student demonstrations in 1986.


Chen: fell out with Mao and Deng Xiaoping

Chen Yun deserved a state funeral as much as anyone in China. A member of the party Central Committee and Politburo decades before Mr Deng, he had been a revolutionary leader for at least 60 years.

However, Chen had disagreed first with Mao, who set him aside for questioning the strong central control of the economy, and later with Mr Deng whom he accused of pushing forward reforms at a dangerous speed.

Chen's official obituary is a masterpiece of general praise while slighting his basic contribution to the economy — increasing deregulation under central supervision, generally credited to Mr Deng.



Powell keeps US guessing over presidential race

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

GENERAL COLIN POWELL is prepared to consider running for President next year only if the American public wants him.

He has told friends and advisers that if they demonstrate to him that he has genuine grassroots support he will give the idea far more careful consideration than he is doing at the moment.

For the time being, though, he wants to stay away from the gruelling scrutiny and travel of a campaign, for which he has no appetite, while he finishes the final stages of his autobiography. Due out in America and Britain in the autumn, the book will make him rich: the advance is $6 million (£3.75 million).

General Powell's wait-and-see attitude emerged yesterday as those close to him tried to staunch renewed speculation about a White House bid, saying nothing was planned for now. The general wants to remain undeclared, if for no other reason than that he has promised to undertake an extensive tour to promote his book. He does not want radio and television stations turning him down for fear of having to grant equal time to other candidates under the broadcasting industry's fairness doctrine. General Powell himself is to blame for the spate of media attention. Speaking at a college in Massachusetts last week, he implied that he was considering running for President as an independent. He also said he was keeping his options open and only after he finished work on the memoirs would he "see where I go from there".

Bill Smullen, a Powell aide, said it was reading too much into the remarks to suggest, as some news reports had, that the general would announce a decision about running for President in September. As for being an independent, that could have been a jocular remark to deflect questions about whether he is a Republican or Democrat. Still, some Powell associates have looked into the mechanics of a third-party campaign.

In short, General Powell, 58, an articulate and charismatic figure who was born in Harlem of Jamaican immigrants and rose to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is engaged in a long-running political tease. A parallel can be drawn with Dwight Eisenhower who, at this stage prior to the 1952 campaign, was serving in Paris as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and waiting to be convinced by a "Draft Ike" movement that he should seek the Republican nomination.

Eisenhower's biographer, Stephen Ambrose, is a leading figure in Citizens for Colin Powell, a loose coalition of supporters that already extends to 35 of the 50 states. They are strikingly similar to the Citizens for Eisenhower clubs that sprang up spontaneously in 1951 to show Ike that his grassroots appeal ran deep.

The latest polls show General Powell's public approval rating at over 60 per cent. In the field of Republican candidates, he runs a strong second behind the front runner, Senator Robert Dole. In a hypothetical three-way match-up, he was third with 23 per cent as an independent behind President Clinton, 34 per cent, and Mr Dole, 32 per cent.

Meanwhile, Bob Dornan, a Californian congressman, joined the Republican presidential race yesterday. He urged other runners to concentrate on social issues because "moral decay is rotting the heart and soul of our country". He is the seventh declared Republican candidate.



The Dionne quintuplets in 1943 on their way to launch five identical Second World War Liberty ships

'Exploited' quins seek damages

North Bay, Ontario: Three of the world's first surviving quintuplets, the Dionne sisters, born on May 28, 1934, are seeking $10 million (£4.5 million) in compensation from the Ontario Government for exploitation as children.

Bertrand Dionne, son of Cecile Dionne and agent for her and her sisters Annette and Yvonne, said they might pursue a legal settlement if the Government did not comply by the end of May. The other two sisters, Emilie and Marie, died some time ago.

The sisters' father signed a contract 48 hours after their birth to display them at the Chicago World's Fair. Ontario intervened and set up a board of guardians and a $1 million trust fund, almost completely excluding the parents from decisions on how to bring them up. *(AP)*

Colombia declares war on Cali cocaine cartel

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

AFTER being accused by American officials of failing to mount a serious effort in the war on drugs, Colombia has launched an offensive in Cali, the nation's third largest city and home to the world's most powerful cocaine cartel.

However, recent drug raids, while netting copious amounts of drug trafficking paraphernalia, have notably not led to the arrest of cartel leaders who remain one step ahead of their pursuers. The mixed success of the joint police and army operations have added to suspicions that senior levels of the Colombian Government and security forces have long been infiltrated by the cartels through bribery and intimidation.

Last week police and soldiers raided two large cartel warehouses in Cali and confiscated tons of chemicals used in the manufacture of cocaine, as well as sophisticated electronic equipment used to monitor police activity. But the warehouses were abandoned and no arrests were made. Miguel Munoz, Cali's chief prosecutor, said that the circle is closing on the cartel leaders. "We are on the brink of stampeding over the cartel leaders," he said. Police commanders of the 500-man Search Squad have privately expressed their suspicion that the squad has been infiltrated by cartel spies. They add that government officials in Bogotá, 200 miles northeast of Cali, must also be involved.

One of the warehouses contained 3,000 tons of sodium carbonate, enough to process about 150 tons of cocaine. The chemicals, worth £17.5 million, were shipped from Poland through the Colombian port of Buenaventura with false documents. Local police were tipped off by American anti-drug agents who monitored the shipment.

Rejecting accusations of drug corruption at high levels, the Government last week offered $1.25 million for information leading to arrest of the Cali cartel's two top leaders, brothers Gilberto and Miguel Rodríguez Orejuela, and $625,000 for their partners, José Santacruz Londono and Francisco Herrera.

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Grudges open split in Simpson jury

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE threat of a mistrial in the O. J. Simpson murder case receded yesterday when a dismissed juror's description of a jury divided along racial lines turned out to be based mainly on video viewing preferences.

Jeanette Harris nearly stalled the lumbering trial last week by suggesting that her fellow jurors had formed cliques for and against Mr Simpson, violating strict court orders.

Summoned to explain herself in a closed hearing late on Wednesday, however, Mrs Harris is reported to have told Judge Lance Ito that the cliques formed because whites and blacks on the jury usually wanted to watch different films on television. Sheriff's deputies guarding the sequestered jurors therefore provided a second room for watching films, Mrs Harris was reported as saying.

Johnnie Cochran, Mr Simpson's defence attorney, urged the judge to take Mrs Harris's allegations seriously nevertheless. She has also alleged that one white juror kicked her and deliberately trod on the foot of another black juror, and accused sheriff's deputies of allowing white jurors more browsing time than blacks on shopping expeditions.

Judge Ito's first reaction to the allegations was that they were "so trivial as to be unbelievable", but an attorney for Mrs Harris emphasised outside court that a number of admittedly minor grudges between them opened up a grave rift in the jury.

Whatever impact the racial issues may have had on the jury, they have split the public. More than half of non-whites polled for a recent *Newsweek* survey said that on the evidence presented so far they would acquit Mr Simpson of the murders of his former wife, Nicole Brown-Simpson, and Ronald Goldman. Only a quarter of the whites polled said that they would acquit him.

Bumbling spy saves Cold War thriller

BY GILES WHITTELL

LANGUISHING in a Pennsylvania jail, the most notorious turncoat in recent American history has come to the rescue of filmgoers who feared the death of the Cold War thriller.

Aldrich Ames, the Soviet mole in the CIA whose treachery cost the lives of at least ten American agents, had been the object of enough stake-outs and bugging devices for the most improbable screenplay by the time the FBI arrested him last February. He now finds himself the subject of three film projects, two of them requiring his personal participation.

MGM, the Hollywood studio, this week bought up the film rights to *The Last Spy* by Pete Earley, one of a brace of books rushed out on Ames in the past year. Fox 2000, a division of 20th Century Fox, has meanwhile paid a six-figure sum for *Betrayal: The Story of Aldrich Ames*, by a trio of reporters for *The New York Times*.

Ames agreed last autumn to collaborate on a film of his life being made by Ted Danson, the actor and producer. Prison regulations permitting, the fallen spy will also be directly involved in the MGM project, according to published reports.

Though compelling, the Ames saga is hardly the stuff of James Bond glitz. Its anti-hero was by most accounts a bumbling drunkard who stored state secrets on his home computer and left notes about clandestine meetings in his dustbin.



Burl Ives, 85, the actor and singer, was feared near death last night after falling into a coma at his home in America.

Judge has no defence

Ottawa: A judge here had to declare a mistrial after he found a man guilty before his lawyer presented a word in his defence (Richard Cleroux writes). The trial had lasted for more than 15 months.

Judge Russell Merredew asked Robert Wakefield, the defence lawyer, when he wished to have his client sentenced that day or later?

Mr Wakefield replied: "I take that as a finding of guilty?" The lawyer added that he did not recall ever presenting a defence, but Judge Merredew countered by saying he thought he had heard all the evidence. He then declared a mistrial.

The client, Abdul Khidayer, 36, of Ottawa, had been charged with assault causing bodily harm to his wife. The case had been adjourned several times while psychiatrists determined whether Khidayer was mentally fit to stand trial.

"Everybody makes mistakes," said Mr Wakefield.

Yeltsin sends in airforce after Islamic rebels launch battle to overthrow Tajikistan Government

Russian jets kill 100 in Afghan border raid

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN jets yesterday killed more than 100 people and injured another 200 in a bombing raid on an Afghan border town suspected of harbouring Islamic insurgents who are trying to overthrow the Government in neighbouring Tajikistan.

The raid on Taloqan, the capital of Takhar province, destroyed many houses and shops, Kabul Radio reported. It came only a day after the Afghan Government denied that it was helping the Islamic rebels who are using Afghanistan as a base in a renewed wave of fighting.

Radio Kabul said it was giving only humanitarian aid to the Tajiks, who fled across the border after their defeat in the 1992 civil war. The radio said the Government had never allowed Tajik rebels to carry out any armed action from its territory.

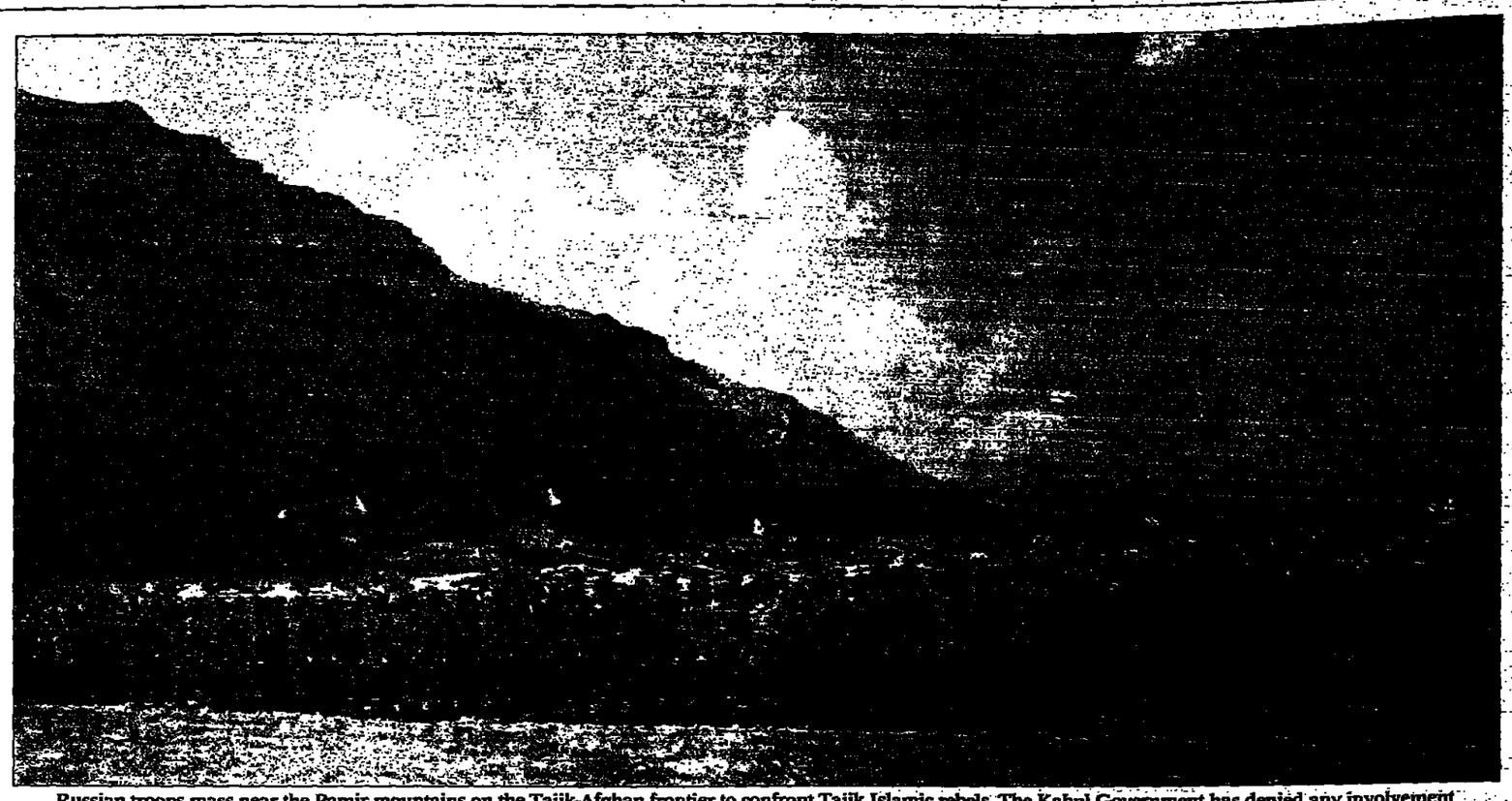
The raid came as President Yeltsin announced that he was ready to grant immediate military and technical aid to the beleaguered Tajik Government, which is trying to repel attacks from well-armed rebels. His announcement came after talks with Andrei Nikolayev, head of the Russian federal border guard service, to discuss the worsening tension along the Afghan-Tajik frontier in the wake of further killings of Russian soldiers. He also said measures should be taken to reduce tension on the border, after the shelling of a border post in the rebellious province of Gorno-Badakhshan.

Mr Nikolayev flew to Sochi, where Mr Yeltsin is on holiday, and discussed the latest outbreak of fighting which has cost the lives of 35 soldiers from the Russian-dominated border force of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The latest victim died on Wednesday night, and the funeral service for 11 of the guards was held yesterday.

Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, has opposed sending more border troops to Central Asia. General Grachev is struggling to bring the rebellion in Chechenia under control and cannot afford a war on two fronts. Moscow is increasingly uneasy at the upsurge in fighting by well-armed rebels, especially as this raises the prospect of Russian engagement again in Afghanistan and the reawakening of bitter memories of political and military defeat. Mr Yeltsin cannot afford another field of hostilities as well as the campaign in Chechenia, especially in the run-up to the gathering of Western leaders here for the VE Day celebrations in three weeks.

The Government in Tajikistan, the poorest of the former Soviet republics, confirmed last night that Russia had agreed to deliver more military equipment and would strengthen its army. Dzhamshed Karimov, the Prime Minister, said that Aleksei Bolshakov, the Vice-Premier, had also reached agreement with Russia in talks in Moscow to strengthen economic co-operation. The Tajik Government has again shown itself to be incapable of coping alone. The latest clashes have raised fears that they could spill over into Afghanistan, where some 15,000 Russian troops died in a decade-long war that ended with Russia pulling out in 1989.

In another worrying development for the Russian Government, Ismaili Muslims who are opposed to the Russian-backed Government in Dushanbe and who have so far remained neutral in the conflict, yesterday openly supported the rebels. The Ismailis, who want to retain their autonomy from Dushanbe, are from a moderate Shia sect. The rebels are Sunni Muslims.



Russian troops mass near the Pamir mountains on the Tajik-Afghan frontier to confront Tajik Islamic rebels. The Kabul Government has denied any involvement

Serb mortar attack on airport hits Dubrovnik's hopes for tourism

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
AND JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

DUBROVNIK airport came under mortar attack yesterday, ominously increasing tension in Croatia as fighting spiralled in Bosnia.

One shell hit the runway and a fuel tank was set on fire at a nearby petrol station as up to 20 shells exploded in the area. The attack is believed to have been launched from Serb-held territory in Montenegro or Bosnia and was the first sustained attack on the historic port for about a year.

The shelling will deal a severe blow to Croatia's attempts to lure foreign tourists back to its Adriatic coast as the holiday season gets under way. Passenger terminals at the airport have just been refurbished and tourist chiefs were hoping for 200,000 passengers this year.

Yesterday's shelling lasted for about 90 minutes and was viewed as particularly serious. Christopher Gunnes, a United Nations spokesman said. "It is usually just one or two shells, months apart. This was the worst for at least a year".

Russia meanwhile said that it regretted the UN had sacked the commander of Moscow's peacekeeping forces in a Serb-held enclave of Croatia for alleged corruption and collaboration with local rebels.



Major General Aleksandr Perelyakin, who was still in eastern Croatia yesterday, said in Klisa that accusations against him were designed to discredit Russian peacekeeping in the former Yugoslavia.

General Perelyakin was put on forced sick leave and holiday three weeks before his scheduled replacement by a Belgian officer as part of the normal annual rotation of sector commanders, UN sources said in Zagreb.

A high-ranking Serb defector has meanwhile provided documents apparently linking President Milosevic of Serbia to war crimes in Bosnia, but the papers have gone mysteriously missing after being handed to UN investigators.

The New York Times reported yesterday that Cedomir Mihailovic, 45, a senior member of the Serbian secret police, escaped from the Serb-led rump Yugoslavia last October using a temporary passport issued by the Dutch Embassy in Belgrade, which believed his life was in danger. A Dutch diplomat met Mr Mihailovic in Skopje, capital of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and picked up the papers from a safe deposit box.

The Dutch diplomat handed the documents to a UN official for delivery to the UN war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, which is based in The Hague. The documents, whose authenticity cannot be independently verified, appear to show that President Milosevic's security apparatus directed ethnic cleansing and the running of concentration camps in Bosnia at a time when Belgrade was beginning to deny involvement in the war.

One paper, from a section of the Serbian Interior Ministry, to the paramilitary leader known as Arkan, reportedly concerns ethnic cleansing in the Bosnian town of Bijeljina. It instructs Arkan, whose real name is Zeljko Raznatovic, to take action against the SDA, the Muslim nationalist party headed by President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, and the MUP, the Bosnian interior ministry police.

"The leadership of the SDA, Muslim members of the MUP and the organisers of Muslim paramilitary formations should be arrested and transferred to Erdut," the document reportedly says. "In order to frighten the Muslim population, a smaller number should be executed." Erdut, captured by the Serbs in 1991, is Arkan's headquarters.

The Dutch Government says it returned the documents to Mr Mihailovic. But he insists he has not seen them again.

Gunfire and artillery rounds erupted around Sarajevo's frontlines again yesterday, and General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader, warned the UN that threats of Nato airstrikes could cripple relations between peacekeepers and Serbs.

Fighting also raged near the Bihac enclave in north-west Bosnia, where peacekeepers counted more than 100 shells falling an hour.



A diver searches a lake near Stockholm for a gun reportedly found by two boys seven years ago, then thrown in. Swedish police think it may be linked to the 1986 murder of Olof Palme, the Prime Minister

Finland's 'rainbow coalition' sworn in

Helsinki: Finland's new five-party coalition Government, backed by 154 of the 200 MPs and led by Paavo Lipponen, chairman of the Social Democrat Party which won the general election in March, was sworn in yesterday (Olli Kivinen writes).

The new "rainbow coalition" is unusual even by Finnish standards. In addition to Mr Lipponen's party, which won 63 seats, it includes both extremes in the parliament, conservatives and the Left-wing Alliance. The Greens also join the coalition for the first time. The fifth party is the non-socialist Swedish People's Party, representing the minority Swedish-speaking population.

At his first press conference after the new Government started work, Mr Lipponen was optimistic that he could hold the coalition together. The parties were committed to the coalition agreement, which was negotiated "on a very rational basis", he said.

Dudayev escapes Russian attempt to bombard home

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

CHECHEN separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev narrowly escaped death when Russian artillery shelled his house, a senior Chechen official claimed yesterday.

The house in the Chechen mountains was destroyed, Ruslan Movsayev, the Chechen military intelligence chief, said. General Dudayev and his staff had left the house two hours before the attack on Wednesday and were alive and well.

There has been no independent confirmation of the bombardment, but Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, said on Wednesday he had information that General Dudayev had been killed or wounded, suggesting there may have been a Russian attempt to hit the Chechen leader's headquarters.

Mr Movsayev said the Russian artillery, evidently working with prior intelligence, had pinpointed the General Dudayev's house in the village of Serzhen Yurt, in the Caucasus foothills about 20 miles southeast of Grozny, the Chechen capital. Pavel Felgenhauer, a Russian defence correspondent with close links to the Russian high command, wrote yesterday in the newspaper, *Segodnya*, that the Russian army has compiled a list, headed by General Dudayev, of Chechen leaders it wishes to kill. Also on the list are Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the Vice-President, and Sultan Gelishkanov, the security chief.

"Talks will not be carried out with these men," Mr Felgenhauer wrote. He said the Russian army had formed a special squad of 30 to 40 men to seek out and liquidate the Chechen leadership, and was preparing to wage an anti-terrorist campaign for the next three or four years. A high-ranking Russian intelligence officer told him that, "we will act with the same decisiveness as the Israelis".

Interestingly, the names of Chechen military commanders like General Aslan Maskhadov, the chief of staff, and his deputy, Shamil Basayev, are not on the reported death list, which suggests that the Russian high command is still trying to make a separate peace with them.

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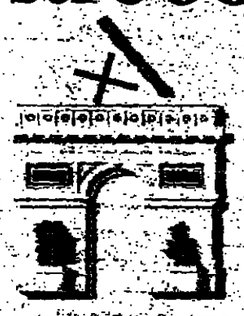
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The Hitlers who fought the Nazis

Fiery Delors fails to rouse lacklustre Jospin support

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN TOULOUSE



FRENCH ELECTIONS

THE wine was flowing, the evening warm and the Socialist militants of Toulouse were family, but Jacques Delors still had to rebuke them over Europe. He had, he said, just spent ten years as boss of the European Commission and could therefore say that nobody had done more for union than President Mitterrand.

He paused for cheers, but a silence fell on the hall of 3,000 diners, gathered to support Lionel Jospin, the Socialist presidential candidate. "You'll have to show more enthusiasm about Europe," M Delors chided them. "If you don't, your children and grandchildren will find themselves marginalised in the world." Nervous applause followed.

The moment spoke both for the Euro-doubts that afflict France these days and for the chief blot on the Socialists' hopes of winning the presidency next month: disillusion with the legacy of M Mitterrand, the party's modern saviour and ruler for the past 14 years. M Delors had come to Toulouse to help M Jospin overcome both burdens as polls showed the Socialist likely to eclipse Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist underdog, in the April 23 vote and ensure him M Jospin's place along with Jacques Chirac in the May 7 run-off.

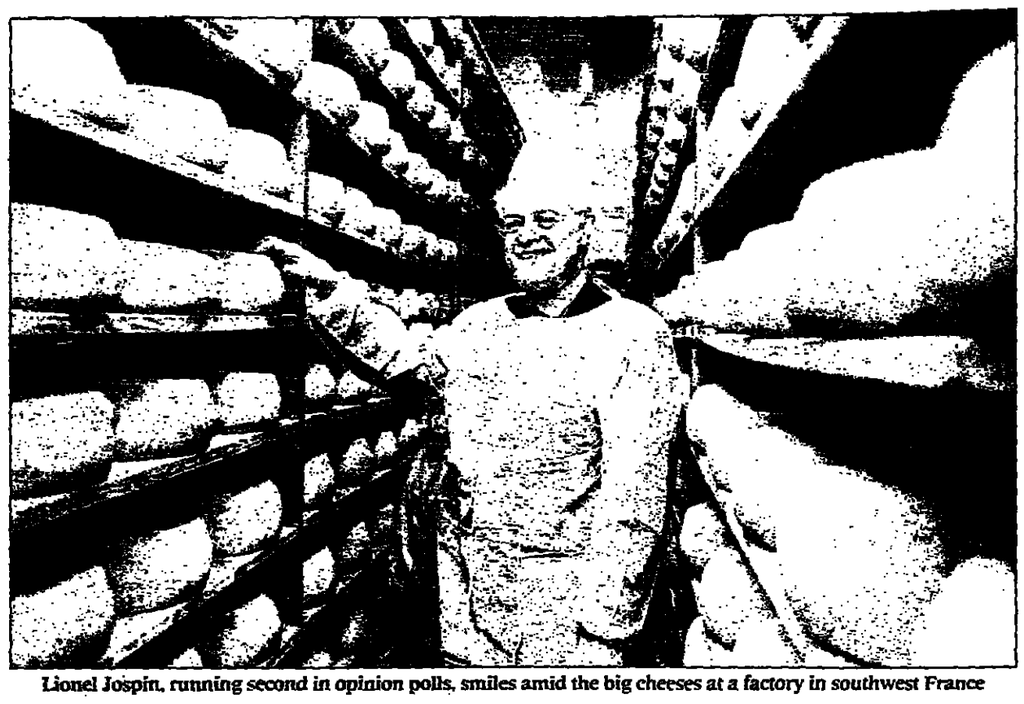
M Jospin, 57, an uninspiring, pedagogic, says the tide has turned and he can beat the duelling Gaullists whom he calls "Dupont and Dupond". The names are those of the bumbling twin detectives of the Tintin cartoon books. However, as they toured the Haute Garonne department, where M Jospin lost his parliamentary seat in 1993, the candidate's small travelling team seem unconvinced of their imminent victory.

Six months after declining to run for election, M Delors remains France's most popular politician and a poll this week showed him top of a list of figures the public would most like to see serving in the next Government, even if it is headed by M Chirac, Martine Aubry, M Delors's daughter, came second. He has been laid up with sciatica and made only a couple of lukewarm outings in favour of M Jospin, so his unequivocal endorsement was pure oxygen for the party official whose daunting task is to convince France that it needs another seven years of Socialist presidency.

"The Left is back," M Delors proclaimed. "France has never needed it so much . . . Lionel is the ideal candidate. Thanks to him we return to our roots . . . He combines fidelity with a critical spirit. Perhaps the party would be in better health if it had accepted confrontation and analysis instead of quarrelling." The line was lost on no-one. The worst foes of M Jospin, 57, the one-time spiritual son of M Mitterrand, are Henri Emmanuelli, the party leader and other rival "elephants" of the ever-feuding party.

The only trouble with the fighting speech of M Delors was the contrast with the candidate. At his fiery best, M Delors tore into the right-wing candidates, mocking "Notre Doudou," the now-familiar name of M Balladur and ridiculing "Jacques". M Jospin, a university lecturer with an air of long-suffering patience, opened with the nostalgia-laden greeting "Comrades" and he side-stepped the thorny Europe question by saying: "I would not dare to discuss it in front of Jacques Delors." He also neglected to discuss the troubled topic of the Mitterrand years, sticking to his vision for a left-wing "citizen presidency".

Meeting unions at Aerospatiale, the giant plane-makers, M Jospin denounced the Americans for using the cheap dollar to undercut the European Airbus and attacked plans to privatise aircraft-building and telecommunications. Fears of open competition in such state monopolies are driving a wave of strikes in the public sector. "I'm against the deregulation being imposed by Brussels," M Jospin told *The Times* as he sat in a café. Surely he differed with M Delors on this? "No," he replied. "Jacques Delors was acting as President of all the commission. He had to take a consensus position. If he had been acting for France alone, things would have been different."



Lionel Jospin, running second in opinion polls, smiles amid the big cheeses at a factory in southwest France

Germans' mood vacillates over tone for VE-Day

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

THE German Government is determined that the murder of millions of Jews should not be forgotten in the commemoration to mark the end of the Second World War. However, controversy is upsetting the quiet dignity sought by Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor.

Herr Kohl is to visit the New Jewish Synagogue in Berlin on May 8 before John Major, President Mitterrand of France and Al Gore, the American Vice-President, attend a memorial service. However, some Jews have asked why the Chancellor will not be at the Synagogue with the other Western leaders. That would be a public admission of German responsibility for the Holocaust, and would bring the Jews more completely into a day that at present commutes between triumphalism and self-doubt. Germans are undecided as to whether May 8 was a day of liberation or of humiliating defeat for them.

The biggest embarrassment is the plan for a gigantic memorial for the murdered Jews of Europe just south of the Brandenburg Gate close to the site of Hitler's bunker.

More than 500 architects responded to the competition to build the biggest memorial of its kind in Europe. The jury has settled on a choice of two designs. One, by a Berlin team, proposes a huge inclined concrete tablet the size of a small sports field. On it the names of 4.5 million murdered Jews would be engraved. The second design, by a team led by Cologne architect Simon Ungers is for a hollow steel and iron square, 93 yards by 87, with the names of concentration camps cut into the walls.

Feasibility studies are to determine which of the two will be built. Half the money — 16 million marks (£7.1 million) for the Berlin design — is to be put up by Berlin and the Government, but the rest has to come from public donations, for which there seems to be little enthusiasm.

Money is only part of the problem. Reinhard Rürup, an historian, says that the idea of a huge monument "reflects a fallacious 19th century pattern of thought." Instead, smaller monuments should be put up where Jews were rounded up, put on trains or murdered.

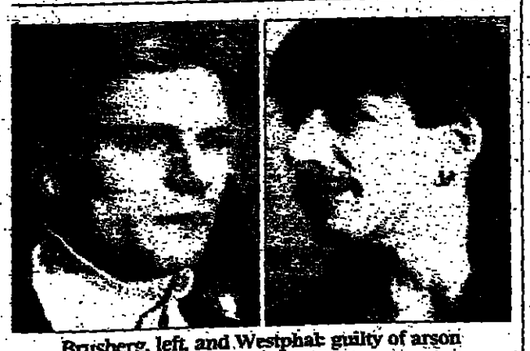
Rafael Seligmann, the Jewish commentator, complains: "Enough of this butterfly collector mentality that depicts Jews solely as victims and which has the effect of squeezing the life out of real living Jewry." Right-wing German Christian Democrats, including the influential youth organisation in Berlin, claim that the country already has too many Holocaust memorials.

The Hitlers who fought the Nazis

Moscow: Two Soviet Hitlers fought in the Red Army against Nazi Germany, but neither survived more than three months, according to recently discovered Russian Defence Ministry archive documents (Michael Binyon writes).

Bension Hitler, a Soviet citizen but an ethnic German, was a private of the 182nd Rifle Regiment and was reported missing in action on October 7, 1941, three months after his German namesake launched Operation Barbarossa, the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union.

The other was V.I. Hitler who, although he shared his initials with Lenin, was also an ethnic German and pure Aryan who served as a private in the 47th Liaison Regiment. He was reported missing on the very next day, October 8, 1941.



Brusberg, left, and Westphal: guilty of arson

Synagogue bombers jailed in Germany

Schleswig: A court sentenced four men to jail yesterday for firebombing a synagogue a year ago in Germany's first such attack since the Nazi era.

The attack in the northern town of Lubeck drew worldwide attention and brought thousands of Germans on to the streets to protest against a wave of far-right violence.

The court in Schleswig found three of the men guilty of arson for the attack on March 25, 1994, and a fourth guilty of complicity. The prosecution failed to prove that the men knew the building was a synagogue or that there were five people sleeping inside, so the court rejected a demand for convictions for attempted murder.

Judge Hermann Ehrich accepted confessions made by Stephan Westphal, 25, and Nico Trapil and Boris Holland-Moritz, both 20. Westphal was sentenced to four and a half years in prison. Trapil and Holland-Moritz received juvenile sentences of three years and nine months. Dirk Brusberg, 22, was given two and a half years for complicity. *(Reuter)*

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The thrice-married Guinness heiress with a fascination for a dying duchess locked away in a Paris mansion

'In Ulster we were horrified by the mix of monarchy and sex'


SIMON WALKER

Lady Caroline Blackwood's book on the last years of the Duchess of Windsor has been called both rivetingly awful and bizarrely absorbing

It is tempting to write about Lady Caroline Blackwood in the Gothic prose she herself uses in *The Last of the Duchess*, her book about the formidable Maitre Suzanne Blum, who guarded the Duchess of Windsor in her last decade with such obsessive and menacing ferocity.

As I sit in the dim gloom of the cocktail bar of the Carlyle Hotel in New York, I wonder what Lady Caroline will be like. I know she has had a fascinating, *haute bohème* life: married thrice, to a painter (Lucian Freud), a musician (Israel Citkowitz) and a poet (Robert Lowell). She has been a great beauty: Freud's 1952 portrait *Girl in Bed* shows her with long, elegant fingers, gazing pensively. Now 63, in photographs she still has huge, avid, black-ringed blue eyes which often wear an anxious, even frightened, gaze. Her voice on the telephone is smoky, throaty, grand, and like the Mitford girls, a voice from the past.

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



While the pianist tinkles away, I have time to read one of Blackwood's short stories. It begins: "The painter's widow sat facing the journalist in the bar of a hotel. The bones of her elbows were so sharp they looked like weapons."

The waiter brings me a note. "Traffic horrendous! I may be as much as two hours late!" Lady Caroline is driving in from Sag Harbour, Long Island, which has been hit by a sudden storm. I wait in the Carlyle Hotel for two more hours, in vain.

So we did not meet until this week, in London, when her publisher David Macmillan gave her a splendid dinner, attended by Lady Caroline's friends including Hugo Vickers — "who now lives in a house with a *moat*", she says, amused — the uproarious George Melly and his wife Diana, and the writer Francis Wyndham, who originally sent Lady Caroline and Lord Snowdon to Paris in 1980 for *The Sunday Times Magazine*, on a quest to find out what had really become of the duchess locked away in the Bois de Boulogne, apparently being fed through tubes and shrunken like a prune.

At the head of the table, Lady Caroline's eyes sparkle and glitter like her silver shoes. She regales us with a tale of having been up to Birmingham to do *Pebble Mill*, her second television appearance: "It was like being prepared for the electric chair."

Her book is definitely this year's collector's item: rather in the way that *Major Major*, by the Prime Minister's brother, Terry, was last year's. Reviews have been so mixed that even her reviews were reviewed: how could a book at once be rivetingly awful and so bizarrely absorbing? It is variously wickedly entertaining, wilfully malicious, a sustained saga of spite and venom ("Her thankfully short book will be enjoyed by people who like to linger at the scene of a nasty accident," said one), a black farce, a fantastic fictional fairytale.

The first half is a magazine interview melodramatically spun out, accounts of three sessions with Maitre Blum in her morgue-like Parisian apartment. Maitre Blum's face had "the cast of an oriental warrior. The cruel set of her mouth gives a ferocity to her appearance." Her eyes "had been sewn into slits with a Chinese slant" which gave them "an unblinking, snake-like malevolence". "Don't smoke," were her first words to Lady Caroline. She said that if she did not write a nice article, "I will keel you", and Lady Caroline believed she meant it.

In the second half of the book, Lady Caroline goes to visit the vaguely dotty old ladies who still remember the duchess. These encounters are richly enjoyable, both poignant and comic. Freda Dudley Ward, the chain-smoking Marchesa Casa Maury, the Duke of Windsor's first love, is at home in Chelsea, walking on a stick: but time has not healed the former mistress's resentment at being displaced by Wallis Simpson. Between gulps of Dubonnet, she shakes with laughter at the duchess's plight: "A horrible old lady locked up by another horrible old lady."

Lady Monckton, whose husband Walter wrote the abdication speech, is in a nursing home, but convinced that she is going to get out at any minute, "like a child at boarding school. She kept saying she would be jetting off at any minute. These women weren't properly senile, but the past meant so much more to them than the awful present, with nurses telling them to take a nap. Lady Diana Cooper hated old age: she said what's the point of people saying 'How wonderful that Lady Diana still goes to the opera' if she feels awful all the time? They're all dead now, except Lady Mosley," says Lady Caroline, "who took a page in the *Evening Standard* to point out the errors in my book."

Publication of her book was out of the question until the litigious Maitre Blum died at 95 last summer. "Her power, while she lived, was phenomenal. People lived in fear of crossing her. And women lawyers were still rare when she began, so her achievement was remarkable. Even Marcia [the defence lawyer] in the O.J. Simpson trial," says Lady Caroline, "has to overcome the fact that she is a woman, especially since she is prosecuting a man. People don't mind it so much if a woman defends a man."

But how did the lawyer assume her vice-like grip on the duchess's life? "The duchess started to fall apart once the duke died. Even if the duke irritated and bored her, which I think he did, with his dog-like devotion, he was sort of her point, do you know? And once he was gone, she got scared. Laura Marlborough said he was her umbrella: without him, she didn't know what was to become of her: was she going to be on the streets? She had been so poor as a child, she had absolutely no family, and couldn't understand about money, or French tax. She had no idea what her income was, and whether the Royal Family could stop it.

"So Maitre Blum became the Cerberus at her door, and caused the duchess to be forgotten as if dead. If she was ill, there was no drama. But Maitre Blum was really in love with the duchess. She could not admit she was ill. Nor could she let anyone see her. So a lot of people like me thought she was dead."

As a child in Ulster, Lady Caroline was not allowed to hear anything about the Wallis Simpson scandal: "In Ulster the combination of anything that threatened the monarchy, and sex, seemed even more horrifying. I'd no idea what she had done."

She grew up, the daughter of the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, on the Guinness estate at Clandeboye. Every morning a toothless former jockey named McAfee would take Caroline and her sister Perdita out riding on plump little barrel-bellied ponies. "You're all right!" McAfee would shout if they fell off while jumping walls and ditches. Once Perdita broke her collar-bone but McAfee told her not to fuss and never to breathe a word.

Ulster "always seemed to me like the archetypal place where nothing would, or could, ever happen . . . boredom seemed to be hanging over Northern Ireland like the grey mists that linger over her loughs," she wrote in 1973, when the Troubles had begun.

When she left school Lady Caroline went to work at the Hulton Press with Claud Cockburn, who gave her little reporting assignments. But it was not until she married Robert Lowell, then a Fellow of All Souls, that she began to write, encouraged by him. She has now written ten books, including a novel shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1977, and an amusing cookbook (with Anna Haycraft, alias Alice Thomas Ellis) called *Darling, You Shouldn't Have Gone To So Much Trouble*.

Everyone was riveted recently when Lady Caroline and her sister Lady Perdita, and their sister-in-law Lindy, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, challenged the wish of Maureen, the dowager Marchioness, to leave her fortune to her granddaughters, Lady Caroline's daughters, skipping a generation. Caroline objected, not for herself (she has her own Guinness millions) but for the sake of her son Sheridan. "People imagined us all standing in court weeping. But all that happened was that the will was made clearer. I'd have preferred Sheridan to be included. But the girls get their money, so they're happy."

She lives in New York because her children, American though educated in England, have more opportunity there. "If you have an idea, English people are so sophisticated and cynical they will say 'that's been done', but Americans say 'try it'."

Evgenia writes scripts in Hollywood, married to Julian Sands; Sheridan works for a publishing company, and Ivana has produced a cookbook for Miramax called *An Appetite for Passion*: "All the recipes are sexy, and there are lots of stories like Byron wanting women only to eat lobster salad and champagne, otherwise it made him sick. You'd get fed up with that for breakfast, wouldn't you?"

At Sag Harbour Lady Caroline's white house was once the home of an obscure US President, Chester Arthur. She enjoys asking Americans what they know about President Arthur, which is invariably nothing: "Since he lived for only a week after he became President, he did neither good nor harm."

There may yet be a play of her book — with, she hopes, Zoe Caldwell (currently dazzling Americans as Callas) as Maitre Blum. So we have not heard the last of *The Last of The Duchess*.

AT THE ALTAR OF HIGH ART



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A veteran hustler who hypnotises America

Ben Macintyre traces the career of the billionaire entrepreneur Kirk Kerkorian, who at 77 has launched his biggest ever bid — for Chrysler



Kerkorian: master of the art of buying and selling companies

The life of Kirk Kerkorian, Hollywood mogul and prospective buyer of the Chrysler Corporation, might have been produced on a B-movie budget. For this is a classic American tale of rags to riches: the son of a struggling Armenian fruit farmer in California, the high school dropout, amateur boxer and RAF flyer who goes on, by dint of guile and gumption, to become one of the most wealthy and reclusive men in America.

"I'm just a small-town boy who got lucky," he says, as the credits roll.

This week, at the age of 77, Kerkorian added yet another reel to an extraordinary personal epic by launching a *surprise bid for Chrysler*, America's third biggest vehicle maker, which is valued at *$22.8 billion (£15.2 billion)*.

Kerkorian already owns 10 per cent of Chrysler, and analysts noted that he might simply have been trying to push up share prices, a suggestion Kerkorian's spokesman denied.

On the strength of his announcement, Chrysler shares jumped more than $12 to $49.25, leaving the enigmatic billionaire with a profit, on paper, of more than $400 million before anything has really happened.

The last person likely to explain the motives behind the bid is Kerkorian himself, a Delphic figure and master of the arcane art of buying, restructuring and reselling companies at a profit. Ranked number 23 on *Forbes Magazine's* list of America's richest citizens, Kerkorian's net worth is estimated at $2.5 billion after a business career incorporating casinos, hotels, airlines and, most recently, the car industry.

It did not start out that way. As his immigrant father struggled to make a living growing fruit in central California, Kerkor Kerkorian was dropping out of what he calls a "semi-reform" school to become a lightweight amateur boxer known as "Rifle Right" Kerkorian — a soubriquet that still applies.

As an RAF pilot trainer during the Second World War, Kerkorian developed a passion for flying and until recently continued to fly his own jets. Soon after the war he was to be found swapping government-surplus planes, before setting up a charter service, Trans International Airlines, which he eventually sold in 1968 for $104 million.

But it was in Hollywood that he earned his reputation as a hard-nosed financial baron of the old school. In 1969 he began buying stock in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and eventually gained control of the film company, to which he later added United Artists.

Kerkorian's interest in the art of film-making was strictly limited: indeed, one of the few recorded occasions on which he attempted to influence the content of MGM's output was the bizarre suggestion that Eddie Murphy replace Roger Moore in the James Bond films.

As a spokesman for his corporation, Tracinda, noted darkly in the wake of Kerkorian's latest investment gambit: "He doesn't run companies, he hires top-notch management to run them."

In 1985, Kerkorian sold MGM to the media entrepreneur Ted Turner for $1.5 billion, promptly bought it back for $670 million (minus the film library), and then sold it again in 1990 for $1.3 billion.

In Las Vegas, meanwhile, he was buying, selling and building casino hotels, culminating in 1993 with the MGM Grand, the world's largest hotel. His airline, MGM Grand Air, offers flights of quite staggering luxury between Las Vegas, Los Angeles and New York: a private suite on one of Kerkorian's flights costs $11,000, complete with champagne and caviar.

But while Kerkorian's "Rifle Right" was plainly visible in the hectic buying and selling (and hiring and firing), Kerkorian himself remained all but invisible as his empire grew.

The billionaire's aversion to the public eye and his taste for airlines and film studios have inevitably invited comparisons with the reclusive millionaire Howard Hughes. Twice married, once divorced, Kerkorian has two daughters (Tracy and Linda, after whom his company Tracinda is named), and has chosen his friends carefully — such as Cary Grant and Frank Sinatra — from the upper echelon of American celebrities, while studiously avoiding publicity.

His colleagues and rivals say this characteristic has less to do with shyness or calculation, than an almost obsessive determination to get on with, and ahead of, the next deal.

"The longer you stay, the more odds work against you," Kerkorian once said.

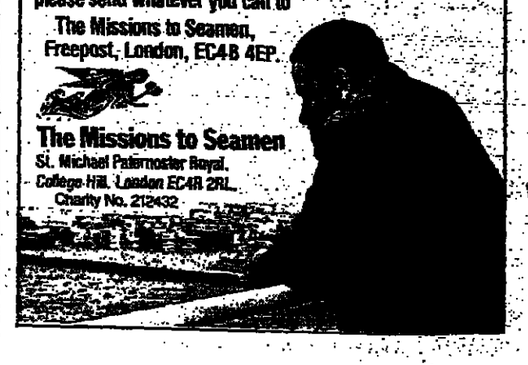
The septuagenarian capitalist still plays tennis daily, insists on driving his own car and shuttles between estates in Bel Air and Las Vegas. His charming manner belies a ruthlessness that has scorched many. He is regarded with a mixture of scepticism, fear and admiration, perhaps best reflected by a headline redolent with suspicion in yesterday's *New York Times*: "What's Kerkorian Up To, Anyway?"

But Kerkorian is a veteran Vegas gambler who knows how to play his cards close to his chest, and Wall Street will scan this lined poker face in vain for an answer.

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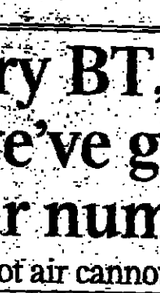


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MARGOT NORMAN

WHEN decimal currency was introduced they held a meeting in the village hall to explain to the elderly of the parish what it was all about. The meeting was chaired, or rather patronised, by a saccharine lady from some government department. The young and middle-aged could learn new tricks by themselves, she said, but the old dears might need her help.

Turning to the one old lady who was still smiling sweetly she said, "well, here's one person who won't have any trouble with the new system, anyway".

"You're right, dear," said the old lady. "I won't. You see, I'm not joining."

The only thing I can't understand about this Phone Day malarkey with which BT plans to enliven our Easter weekend, is why tired (male) hacks want to persuade their readers that having to dial an extra 1 is a threat to Civilisation As We Know It on a par with decimilisation.

Old age has come early to those colleagues I hear reminiscing about the golden days when their phone number was just 225 or 431 and they could remember it without diving for the Filofax. The rest of us are taking this phlegmatically, enjoying the streaker poster and wondering why BT, which has elongated and generally messed about with our numbers often enough before, is making such a meal of it this time. "Oh, people aren't worried," the 192 girl told me. "The customers have been quite good about it, so they have. We've had maybe the odd one, you know, but you just let them go on at you a bit because at the end of the day they'll learn, so they will."

If I choose to have three telephone lines and a separate fax line coming into the house I can't complain, can I, if BT starts running out of numbers?

There are thousands of idiots like me out there, home-workers who have turned decent, quiet houses where people used to live into teeming telecottages where two-legged insects scurry about day and night, summoned hither and thither by bells and pings.

In truth, the only thing wrong with BT's wanting more numbers is that it is BT, not us, laying claim to them. Happily the Oftel regulator has spotted that little monopolistic trick and referred the question to the Monopolies and Merger Commission who will surely rule that the numbers belong to us, or to Oftel on our behalf. That should put a stop to BT's trying on the heavy stuff ("You realise you can't take your number with you, madam, if you take your custom to a competitor") when Ionica comes into service later this year.

Nigel Playford, the Cambridge whizz kid who dreamt up the Ionica system based on radio technology and persuaded the City to back him with £100m, promises much. He promises a system that is vastly cheaper to install and run, which merely requires a 12in antenna on your roof, a miniaturised, house-high Telecom Tower for every 50,000 people, and positively no digging up of roads and killing of trees. Naturally he's all for the portability of telephone numbers.

WHAT HE cannot do, though, is give comfort to those who would rather not join in on Phone Day. "I'm afraid there's no way round it, those extra numbers really are needed," he said. "We thought it might be possible to simplify things but it isn't, because of the legacy of BT's network structure."

No good moaning about Phone Day, then. Let's moan about BT's real inequities, like charging for the 192 service, and refusing to give out addresses when they are, apart from a few post offices, the sole owners of that public information. Let's moan about the Call Waiting scam, and their inability to index the business pages properly, and . . . I could go on, and on and I really don't care about dialling an extra digit.

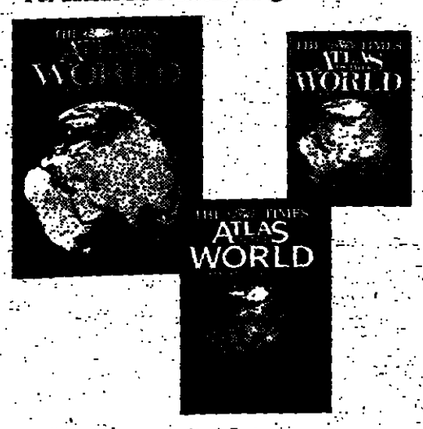
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The Bishop of London, David Hope, at his London home: "Like every young boy I wanted to be an engine driver. I used to go train spotting. I loved to see the steam trains"

Driver of the Gospel train

Dr David Hope, Bishop of London and Archbishop-designate of York, talks to **Ruth Gledhill** about his life, his beliefs and his loves

As the church moves into the Passion of Good Friday, to be followed by Easter, the ironies of his position are not lost on Dr David Hope, Bishop of London and Archbishop-designate of York. After a crucifixion at the hands of gay-rights activist Peter Tatchell, who forced him into confessing his sexuality was "ambiguous", he suffered three days in a kind of hell before learning to his astonishment that he was to rise through the ranks of the Church of England to its second most senior job.

Not bad for a boy whose sole ambition was to drive a stream train, until talent-spotters in Yorkshire discovered he had the voice of an angel and offered him a choral scholarship to his local grammar school in Wakefield, with a place in the cathedral choir thrown in. There began his ascension to the top. Speculation has already begun that Dr Hope, who is 55 today, Good Friday, and who is younger than the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will one day move to Lambeth.

We spoke in his sparsely-furnished second-floor flat in Westminster, which he will shortly exchange for the sumptuous 13th-century archiepiscopal Bishopthorpe Palace, set in nine acres of well-tended gardens on the outskirts of York, after a lavish enthronement in York Minster, the largest of England's medieval cathedrals.

He is aware of the large numbers of people expecting, even hoping perhaps, for a skeleton to come tumbling out of his cupboard. "It is a kind of unspoken thing, but there is an assumption that there must have been some involvement of some kind or another. I cannot do anything about that but get on with living my life the way I perceive to be right and proper. I just get on with living and let people draw their own conclusions, much as the Church has done."

His success in cleaning up the notorious debauchery of St Stephen's House, an Oxford theological college, when principal there, before becoming vicar of All Saints in Margaret Street in London's West End in 1982, won him the nickname of "Ena the Terrible", after Coronation Street's Ena Sharples. He does not object to the name, earned because of his and the Street star's "battleaxe" reputations. "I've been called much worse in my time," he says.

He wears grey suits, his slicked-back hair is grey, and after his unforgettable "outing" by Mr Tatchell's OutRage! last month he confessed that his sexuality was a "grey area". But beneath the grey exterior appropriate to a slight and private man lies a colourful, steely Yorkshireman who brooks no nonsense. It is generally accepted that he took on Mr Tatchell and won.

Dr Hope does not regret confessing about his sexuality. "I am basically an honest person. I felt it was right to be honest. There is nothing to be lost by that, and I felt it right to tell the truth. From the letters I have had, it is clear that there is a whole spectrum of experience out there, regarding people and their sexuality. There are ambiguities, and people do experience them for themselves. My main purpose was to make clear where I stood."

He wears a faint air of surprise when we return to the subject of archiepiscopal attainment. "Like every young boy I wanted to be an engine driver. I used to go train spotting at Doncaster. I loved to see the steam trains come by." The archbishop-designate's father had his own building business. "I had seriously thought of going into the building trade with my father," he says. "I used to ride on the backs of wagons. I have quite an instinct for buildings now. People say it's my father coming out in me. Now of course I'm in a different kind of building business."

He fingers the delicate silver cross which hangs over the top of his plain purple episcopal shirt, and goes unthinkingly into Latin: "*Et ego dico tibi, quia tu es Petrus et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam* . . ." ("And I say to thee, You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." Matthew xvi, 18.)

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There was no Pauline blinding flash of light. His vocation grew within him, the seed planted when he won a choral scholarship, and becoming rooted when he read theology at Nottingham University.

"We were not a particularly churchy family. I was taken to church by my elder cousin who was like a big sister. She used to hoick us off to Wakefield cathedral where it was a sung Eucharist," he says. "There were lights, there was incense, there was colour. My mother didn't believe in Sunday school so we used to go to this service. I was caught up in the whole atmosphere of the thing. That northern Tractarianism was not terribly self-conscious. I thought that was the Church of England." Many thought that Tractarianism, or the Oxford Movement — the High Church Anglo-Catholicism which revitalised a lethargic church in the last century but has been struggling to survive in this — had been dealt its final death blow with the ordination of women priests in the Church of England last year. Dr Hope's appointment to York has reignited hopes of a phoenix-style Catholic revival in a church in danger of losing its way down the blind alleys of fundamentalist evangelicalism or noncommittal liberalism.

Despite early Catholic and Methodist influences, Dr Hope remained an Anglican, because "it was the church which nurtured me", but felt a vocation to celibacy from his earliest life.

"There were a number of clergy who were celibate in my early days," Dr Hope says. "It was a role model which appealed to me. I feel there is an element of self-offering and self-sacrifice about the ministerial priesthood, and that I wanted to give myself wholly to that. I never viewed it as a negative, but as a positive thing. You make available so far as you can your whole self, emotionally, spiritually, physically, to the people with whom you are ministering, but equally enjoying deep, close, warm relationships with people of both sexes."

Since he heard of his coming translation to York, expected to take effect before the end of the year, it is clear he has readily relaxed back into the stronger Yorkshire accent he feels most comfortable with.

From the broad smile on his face to the slightly restless feet, it is apparent to all of us who have known him since his arrival in London four years ago that he can hardly wait to return to the North. He was happiest, he says, when working as a parish priest at Warrington in the early 1970s. "It was a large, 16,000-strong parish on a housing estate, with great opportunities to minister to people and offer the Gospel. I was ordained to be a priest in the Church of England. As bishop or archbishop, you must still retain the life of a priest."

As Archbishop of York he will be Primate of England, almost equal to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is Primate of all England and *primus inter pares*, first among equals, in the 70 million-strong Anglican Communion. Dr Carey, a southern evangelical, and Dr Hope, a northern catholic, could hardly be more different. But despite a reported rift between Lambeth Palace and London House two years ago, Dr Hope now says he enjoys "a warm and friendly relationship" with his colleague across the river.

In any case, episcopal disputes are nothing new, he says, adding with a mischievous grin: "One Bishop of London crowned William of Orange because the Archbishop of Canterbury was unwilling to break his oath of allegiance to James II." In any case, he says, he and Dr Carey both share a primary concern: the need to bring a secularised society back to the Gospel.

"There needs to be a particular focus on the Cross, the self-giving and self-offering of our Saviour on the Cross. We need to be reinforcing that. Our society has become far too self-indulgent and self-sufficient. There needs to be more of that self-offering and self-forgiving which is reflected in the powerful image, symbol and presence of Christ on the Cross."

All he asks, as he prepares to rise up through the church ranks to lead it into the next millennium, is that we trust and believe in Him.

As a city prepares to honour a newspaper vendor, **Magnus Linklater** wonders who deserves a statue

Fanfare for common men

Tommy Small was not as famous as Winston Churchill. Nor can his contribution to history be seriously rated alongside that of William Wallace, who fought for Scottish independence, or James Chalmers, who invented the adhesive postage stamp. But in the centre of Dundee a man who sold newspapers in the streets for 60 years is to be commemorated with a bronze statue — the first public monument the city has erected this century — while other famous sons and daughters languish unrecalled.

It is a gesture on behalf of the ordinary citizen which has prompted some outrage and the odd guffaw, but is quite in character for Dundee. This, after all, is the place where the Palestinian flag once flew over the Council chambers, and whose socialist credentials are impeccable. One suspects that it will be some time before Churchill, who served as Dundee's MP for 15 years, is similarly honoured.

But there is something to be said for remembering a character who was as much a part of the city's landscape as many of its buildings. Tommy Small may have been a stranger to soap and water, and his customary attire of threadbare overcoat and knotted scarf had, by all accounts, barely changed since the Second World War; but he had a strong sense of the values of the day, and his biting comments on the latest headlines of the *Evening Telegraph*, such as "that'll no' sell many copies", are still remembered, if not always fondly. The 17th-century qualifications for a Burgess of the City included the phrase "*pro consilio et audilio suo servendo burgo de Dunde*" ("counsel and aid in the service of the burgh") and who is to say that Tommy was any less useful than, say, Magister George Haliburton or Henry Cheip, Advocate, whose names are listed on the city's roll of honour, but whose contributions are long forgotten? As the Tayside director of planning, Jack Searle, put it: "Most statues are erected to people who made a lot of money or killed a lot of people. Why shouldn't we have one for a common man?"

There has certainly been less opposition to Tommy Small than there has been to more celebrated figures. These days it is almost impossible to propose a public statue without exciting controversy or contempt. The memorial to Bomber Harris, unveiled by the Queen Mother in the Strand, was roundly condemned as commemorating a mass murderer, besides being a boring monument. Leaving aside which of the hundreds of statues of Wellington, Marlborough or Nelson would escape these charges today, there seems to be no consensus as to who should choose memorials and what they should look like. A recent survey of contemporary statues in London condemned Churchill in Parliament Square as "the most hideous piece of public sculpture I can recall seeing" (Stephen Calloway); Lord Baden-Powell in Queen's Gate as inducing "an acute sense of the creeps" (Brian Sewell); Lord Mountbatten in Horse Guards Parade as "in the wrong place at the wrong time" (Paul Barker); and Charlie Chaplin in Leicester Square as "the urban equivalent of a garden gnome" (Alexander Walker).



Tommy Small, paper-seller

Contemporary works are nearly always derided. The sculptor Sophie Ryder had to remove five larger-than-life Minotaurs from outside Winchester Cathedral because of their "too prominent" genitalia. A full-frontal statue of a naked man in Abbotsbury in Dorset had to be turned to face away from the street so as not to offend the residents; and more recently, in a monstrous act of vandalism, the heads were cut from Henry Moore's King and Queen.

> "Surely history deserves recalling, whatever one's view?"

Only pastiche works and curiosities seem to get away with it. Peter Pan, the flopsy bunnies, King Kong, a giant Sumo wrestler, Sherlock Holmes or Robinson Crusoe can be found dotted uncontroversially around our towns. Last year, a small group of Robert Louis Stevenson admirers tried to have a statue erected on an open site on the Calton Hill in Edinburgh. The very idea was dismissed as "threatening the classical proportions of a city landmark".

Political prejudice, too, can sink a good scheme before it has got off the drawing-board. This year marks the 250th anniversary of the 1745 landing of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the raising of the Jacobite Rebellion. A sound reason, one might think, for erecting a memorial of sorts to commemorate that event. Yet when it was discussed informally last year, there were immediate objections. The Prince was nothing but an adventurer, his rising had led to the deaths of innocent people, his ambitions were purely selfish, etc.

Surely history deserves recalling, whatever one's view of it? Scotland's capital city is littered with grim relics of Hanoverian nonentities or brooding Victorians, yet one looks in vain for a single statue to any of the more romantic figures who lent it such lustre.

It may be indicative of our age that there seems to be more enthusiasm for the demolition of statues than for their construction.

Nothing of course can match the ambitions of the South Koreans, who intend to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their liberation from the Japanese by demolishing their national museum because it was built by the invaders. But one has heard less about what will replace it. They may wish to send a delegation to Dundee to see whether the example of Tommy Small suggests something on a more human scale.

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Fighting to the last Briton

John Charmley on Roosevelt's pragmatic friendship with Britain

Roosevelt's reputation is not what it was at his death 50 years ago this week. Then it seemed that his New Deal, with its large-scale government interventionism, along with his newly forged United Nations, provided the paradigm of a better future for the world. In *The Times*, the Poet Laureate, John Masefield, declared that "Through him, the horror passed, and we rejoice. Our countries are released and Freedom stands." Now, with big government seen as part of the problem, not the answer, and with the UN discredited and a farcical imitator in the White House, only American liberals are left to celebrate their sole authentic hero.

For the British, the Roosevelt who matters is not the controversial author of the New Deal, but the figure portrayed so well by Churchill in his war memoirs: the dauntless champion of democracy, the friend of Britain, "the soldier of freedom". But Churchill's portrait conceals as much as it reveals.

All reputations are subject to revision, and Roosevelt has not lacked defenders — given the political complexion of academic life in Britain and America, it was never likely that he would. Because he deliberately cultivated ambiguity, he has proved extraordinarily difficult to pin down. He once referred to himself as a "juggler" whose right hand remained in ignorance of the doings of his left, but this does not mean that we can say of him what Beaverbrook did of that other great liberal, Lloyd George: "He does not care which way the car is going, as long as he is in the driver's seat." FDR knew what he wanted, but being a practical man, he realised that we might have to take devious routes to get there.

> The date for America entering the war kept receding

Roosevelt was more like a medieval monarch than a modern chief executive. He cultivated feuds within his own Administration, so creating opposing factions which would submit decisions to his arbitration. It sometimes made for chaos, but it kept FDR in control. Such a political style demanded enormous self-confidence, but thpatrician Roosevelt possessed that in abundance. It also demanded courage, but a man who reached the presidency in the depth of a Depression, and after being crippled by polio, was not lacking in that quality: if he could not walk on water, Roosevelt could wheelchair on thin ice. Underpinning Roosevelt's policies was a boundless optimism which saw the war as the chance to realise his two main aims: the final rise of America to global predominance and the internationalisation of the New Deal.

In politics, ambiguity has its uses, and Roosevelt was master of all of them. Never was his mastery more apparent than in the 18 months after Churchill became Prime Minister in May 1940. In Churchill's version of events, FDR was manoeuvering to get America into the war. For Churchill, the apparent success of his strategy of leading te Americans into war created the illusion that this was a feat that could be replicated; Britain, with its "special relationship" with America, could use its influence to get America to pull other British chestnuts out of the fire.

But what of Roosevelt himself? He certainly allowed Churchill to believe that there was a possibility that America would soon enter the war, but the putative date kept receding. At the same time, Roosevelt told his electorate that he had no intention of getting involved in the war. He wanted to extirpate fascism, but he was content to fight t the last Briton and ounce of British gold before risking American lives — a great American statesman, but not quite the one portrayed by Churchill.

In the meantime, Britain was persuaded to hand over its Caribbean bases for some old and mostly unusable destroyers, and was made to sell its overseas investments at bargain prices, to the great benefit of American business. When America entered the war, it did so because it had no choice.

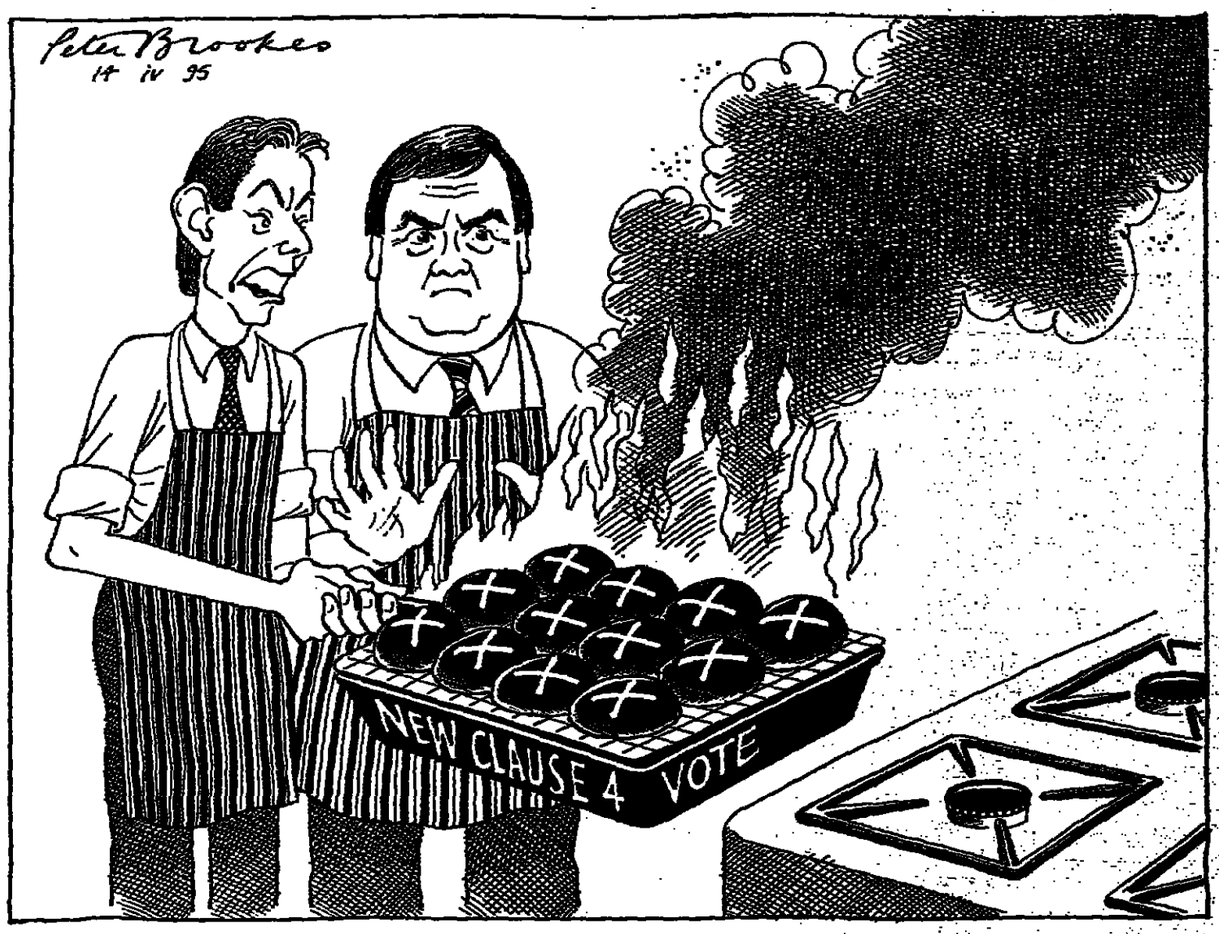
Roosevelt's aims encompassed the end of imperialism as well as the fall of fascism, and while no Tory could agree with his policies, it was a sign of political genius he persuaded Churchill to underwrite them.

By procrastinating, and leaving decisions until the end of the war, when America would be at its strongest and Britain at its weakest, FDR ensured that there would be an American peace, founded on an international free-trading world order, run by America.

Far from death coming at a good time for Roosevelt's reputation, it came at the worse possible. His complicated diplomatic manoeuverings were only half complete, and only he could bend the bow of Ulysses. Britain was out of the way, but his Soviet policy was on a knife-edge. Roosevelt knew that he, uniquely, enjoyed Stalin's respect, and he hoped this and his own immense political capital could somehow reconcile Soviet demands for security with American rhetoric about democracy. Death deprived him, and us, of the chance to see whether the great political conjuror could have pulled off the most difficult coup of the century. It is a measure of his stature that no one imagines that anyone else could have done so.

Still, Roosevelt did live long enough to know that the long struggle for supremacy with Britain was over. If he helped Britain, it was because in doing so he promoted the causes he believed in. If we are to honour him, it should be as the man who helped America realise her "manifest destiny". However Churchill's picture might have obscured it, the fact remains that Roosevelt had won what A.J.P. Taylor once called "the war of the British Succession".

John Charmley's book Churchill's Grand Alliance will be published in June.



The suffering of Sudan

Easter should be a reminder to all of us that hatred need not rule the world

Bernard Levin

It is hardly for me, as a non-Christian, to write a column to be published on Good Friday. That day, surely, should be left to the Christians, and however deeply I feel the profundity and beauty of that religion, and however generously those of their religion put me at ease, I still feel not quite on the right ground. But, as regular readers will know, the triad of Rees-Mogg, Jenkins and Levin comes round in perfect symmetry, so that on Mondays and Thursdays Rees-Mogg writes in this space, whereas Jenkins writes on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and Tuesdays and Fridays are for me (I almost added "sacrosanct"). So unless the symmetry is broken (perish the thought), I must find myself writing for Good Friday. I think, though, that I have managed to cross the bridge, if it suffice to write about Christians who are persecuted in other lands. For indeed there are such Christians suffering for their faith, so perhaps I can be given the *nihil obstat*.

Two or three years ago, I wrote about the terrible things that were happening in Sudan, things that have made it one of the most brutal, savage and murderous regimes on earth — a considerable claim you will allow, when you think about the nature of some of the regimes that strive for that crown. Alas, Sudan has grown no better: indeed, I fear that it has grown worse. (Mind you, it would be quite unfair to say that all, or even most, of the horrors that have been going on in Sudan — and have been going on for several years — are the fault of the rulers I have been denouncing. The brutality of the regime is far surpassed by the terrible internecine war that has been waged in Sudan, the Muslim north against Christian and Animist south — and the southern factions are also waging an unending war between themselves.)

But I now have the latest and fullest document on the subject from Amnesty, called (and well it might be) *The Tears of Orphans*. And whatever can be said about Amnesty, it has no axe to grind other than the one it uses to chop down tyranny, despotism and injustice.

This time, though, the Sudanese authorities have produced a good many pages of rebuttal. For instance, torture has long been rife in the Sudan; ah, but a number of people who had been imprisoned by the regime were let out and appeared on Sudan TV, and do you know?, they all said that there was no torture. Fancy!

Then there the was the business of conditions in Kober prison. Amnesty itself said: "Former prisoners held in civil prisons report that despite the sometimes harsh conditions in jails, physical ill-treatment by prison guards is not common."

Naturally, the Sudan apologists leaped on that sentence, but alas, the careless fellow who drew up the rebuttal had forgotten to include the next few lines:

> The detention centres and offices of the security services, where the vast majority of suspected political opponents are held, are an entirely different matter. Year after year, detainees report experiencing or witnessing torture in "ghost houses" and security offices.

There is one extraordinary item in Sudan's argument which would, in any civilised or partly civilised nation, be cause for shock. Indeed, in such a nation you would think that the rulers would take great pains to keep it hidden, whereas the Sudan authorities' apologia not only promulgates it, but repeatedly make clear that they consider it admirable. I mean the nature of the punishments meted out to Sudanese citizens who have transgressed the country's laws; it is appallingly clear that stoning to death, mutilation, crucifying, amputation and flogging to death will continue. And the way the Sudan authorities speak of their dreadful and barbarous rule suggests that it is something all should admire.

There are more centres of self-admiration in the Sudan. For instance, trade unions exist only in the form wanted by the Government; real unionists are banned, imprisoned, and worse. When some 50 legitimate unionists demonstrated against the fake unions, they were arrested; one of them, Dr Mokhtar Fadul, displayed remarkable courage, seeing that his brother had been tortured to death by the regime. As for students, when they demonstrated against the regime because the authorities had summarily sacked eight lecturers, they were arrested and given 30 lashes.

Of course there is nothing that could be called a real court, and to make sure of that, there is substantial use of courts martial. Lawyers, with great courage, still fight for right, though many have been arrested and some have been tortured. The press, naturally, is not free, but there was an extraordinary experiment by the authorities: a real newspaper, the *Sudani al-Dawliyya* was permitted. It did not advocate revolution, but it did have the nerve to criticise specific government matters. The paper was started in January, but the news editor was arrested in February and held until April. The newspaper was then banned.

That can be thought amusing; what follows cannot. "Flogging constitutes a cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment and as such is specifically prohibited under international human rights law." But human rights law does not run as far as Sudan, which now has a new penal code. Under it, there are 18 sections which carry a flogging. Prostitution, for instance, can be punished with 100 lashes. Thousands of people have been flogged, many of them women; a brave lawyer who defended political prisoners was rewarded with 99 lashes.

Not content with flogging, the Sudanese use amputation. For some violent crimes the punishment is amputation of the right hand and the left foot. (It is not known whether such amputation is carried out with sterilised choppers.) It follows, or should do by now, that in Sudan the death penalty is still in use, usually by hanging, though these days there are more commutations. Execution covers the greater crimes — treason, murder, rape and so forth, but also nestling in the list is "apostasy".

Sometimes, well, very frequently, I wonder what I am doing here, among more and more horror, more and more hatred, more and more brutality, more and more utter uselessness. For even if I could be useful by being here, my only kind of usefulness would be to spread the news that great numbers of people hate each other and take every opportunity to murder those whom they hate. That, you will agree, does not change the universe, but I did not expect to change the universe; all I wanted — all I want — is to make clear that large parts of the world are filled with madmen, which all my readers already know.

But, after all, I started by saying that I was, as a non-Christian, hardly fitted to write a column for Good Friday. Since I could not preach a sermon, I thought I might do something in the way of pointing out that there is a lot of man's inhumanity to man, but I was also told that everybody knew that already.

But what can we make of the organisation calling itself the Sudan People's Liberation Army, or SPLA for short? (I have more than once pointed out that no organisation with the word "Liberation" in its title has ever, or ever will, liberate anyone or anything.) The SPLA wishes, no doubt, to rule its bloodspattered land; while the PDF, or Popular Defence Force, wishes otherwise. If there are more than two people left alive by the time either or both of those organisations have finished their work, they might wonder how the killing came about in the first place, but wondering is not enough. Can it really be true, that hatred is more powerful than love? And if it is true, have I not wasted my life?

It is all very well to point to the figure whom Christians revere — and on this very special day they will be thinking more than usual about that figure — but that does not affect what is going on outside, not even if it is the SPLA murdering large numbers of harmless people. Sometimes it seems that hatred rules the universe. I should dearly like proof to the contrary.

I started the day rebuking the Sudanese for their brutal rule. I end it by almost complimenting those same Sudanese for their forbearance. But I still don't understand why there is so much hatred and so little to quench it with. Perhaps I was too dogmatic in pointing out that I must write because it is Friday, rather than leave it to one of the other columnists. I suppose I could sign off with a jest. But could *you* summon up a jest in these circumstances?

Hook, line and sink'em

Change fisheries law, says Tunku Varadarajan

Spain emphatically excepted, Brian Tobin, the Canadian Fisheries Minister, is today a heart-throb in most maritime nations. He may be excitable when the cold salted air from the north Atlantic makes his tie flutter like the maple-leaf flag, but to him goes the credit for jolting us awake to the wretched state of fisheries conservation.

Even that usually soggy UN body the Food and Agriculture Organisation has reported that 70 per cent of the world's fish stocks are now either fully exploited or seriously depleted. At this rate, the tuna sandwich will move from being the mainstay of a schoolgirl's lunch to a delicacy for the next generation.

The arrest by the Canadian coastguard last month of a Spanish trawler fishing in international waters contiguous with Canada's 200-mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ) sparked not just a conflict between Ottawa and the EU, but an examination of the laws that govern fishing. There are few areas of international law so inadequate.

The rules of the high seas would still be recognised by Hugo Grotius, the 17th-century father of international law. The 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea treats the right to fish as a non-negotiable freedom of the high seas, tempered only by the paltry requirement that "states shall cooperate with each other in the conservation and management of living resources".

As shown by the latest conflict over Greenland halibut in the Grand Banks, states all too often fail to co-operate; and where they do, as in the EU's common fisheries policy, the result is more likely to be depletion of stocks than conservation.

Britain, as usual, finds its interests poorly served by the preferences of its European partners. If there is ever to be a serious bid to protect fish, coastal states must be given new powers of enforcement in waters which abut their EEZs. Fish are no respecters of artificial maritime frontiers. The conservation efforts of a country like Canada are neutered if fish can be plundered at 201 miles.

In 1994, Canada unilaterally enacted the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act, extending its supervisory jurisdiction to the proximate high seas of the north Atlantic. It did so because it found international law impotent. Last year, Britain closed a "gap" in the south Atlantic, between its conservation zone around the Falklands and the Argentine EEZ, to protect the Illex squid from marauding Taiwanese, Korean, Japanese and Spanish trawlers. Both cases attracted vigorous censure, but neither country had a choice. The law of the sea cannot be allowed to stagnate: there is no reason why the evolution of a 200-mile EEZ should be seen as the end of maritime history.

The Chileans — the Prussians of the southern hemisphere — have mooted a solution in the *mar presential*. The coastal state would have powers to enforce a regime of conservation in this "presential sea" beyond 200 miles: this would not amount to an extension of territorial jurisdiction, and other countries' freedom of navigation would not be affected. There could not be a better way of protecting the Illex squid. Espousal of this concept by Britain, however, would bring it into direct conflict with Madrid.

So, too, would the most compelling need of the moment: a total reform of the common fisheries policy. It is no secret that the wise Norwegian people voted against accession to the EU for fear of depredation of their fish. Under this ill-conceived policy, the EU seeks irrationally to reconcile the protection of fish stocks with support for the short-term economic interests of its fishermen. Brussels spends an unconscionable $580 million annually on fisheries subsidies.

This has to change. The subsidies paid to fishermen to deplete dwindling stocks still further should be channelled into the redevelopment of fishing communities. It is madness to pay to keep boats afloat when the EU needs, at a conservative estimate, to reduce its fleet to a quarter of its current size.

If this falls on deaf ears in Madrid — as it almost certainly will — Britain must simply raise the volume, stressing also that there are other reforms which cannot be further delayed. Catching undersized fish is prohibited, but regulations governing the size of net are insufficient. Undersized fish tend to be discarded, dead, at sea. This only distorts the figures of the out-take of stocks. An admirable Norwegian practice, enforced by Oslo in the Barents Sea, must be emulated by the EU: discarding of undersized fish must be banned. Not only would this result in more accurate calculations of existing fish stocks, it would also reduce the use of illegal nets. Quotas would then have to be calculated in terms of fish *caught*, not in terms of fish *landed*, as is currently the case.

The Spanish will be Britain's main opponent in any move for reform. Yet after its embarrassment in the Atlantic, which has exposed Madrid's diplomatic isolation as well as its unacceptable methods, Spain is a weakened and unpopular contestant. Now is the time for Britain to cut its way out of Europe's fisheries mesh.

His and hers

WHEN Hugh Grant appears on Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs* this weekend, he will opt for a luxury item which was his second choice. He wanted originally to steal away to his lonely island paradise with a bottle of Chanel No 5. But after his girlfriend Liz Hurley won a contract to model for the rival cosmetics firm Estée Lauder, he changed his mind.

The BBC says listeners will have to wait until Sunday's broadcast to discover what the foppish star of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* chose as a replacement item. But a BBC source confirms that when first approached for his choice of records and his luxury, he wanted a bottle of Chanel.

A short while afterwards, Hurley was awarded the modelling contract and he decided something else would be just as sweet. "He telephoned and he changed it," says the BBC.

Grant's luxury item won't be the only revelation for listeners. BBC sources claim that Grant has eclectic musical tastes.

"He has chosen some very strange things. His and Liz's tune took us by surprise, for instance. It's *Somethin' Stupid*, sung by Frank and Nancy Sinatra. The refrain keeps on going 'I love you'."



Scent packing: Hugh 'n' Liz

DIARY

Sorry, please

THE GHOST of Consett has returned to haunt Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor who recently praised a steel works and a nappy factory in the town even though they had been closed years before.

Councillors extended an invitation to Clarke to visit Consett for a refresher course on its factories, but he has turned them down. They claim they have been snubbed. "I don't think he's man enough to come here and face us after what he's said," hurrumphed Eric Turner, chairman of Derwentside Labour group. "He's never apologised — it takes a man to apologise, and he isn't up to it."

Ironists suggest an honorary award: the freedom of the steelworks of Consett.

Lords walk

RESCUE is at hand for those of our Lordships who are none too steady on their pins. Westminster Council is installing a pelican crossing right on their doorstep.

Our noble peers very often have to cross two bus lanes and four lanes of heavy traffic to get to the House of Lords from Westminster Green. Minor scrapes and near-misses are regular.

The council hopes the crossing will be ready for next month's VE-Day celebrations, when Westminster will be swarming with peers, MPs and visitors. But you can't please everyone, it seems. "It's very difficult to drive in now with so many buses all going at a snail's pace," protests Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone. "A crossing will make it even worse."

● *Tory party chiefs have hit on a wheeze to ease two of their greatest headaches: empty coffers and failing membership. They are issuing new contracts of employment to all Central Office staff, ordering them to join their constituency party — and cough up the relevant subscription fee.*

Basket case

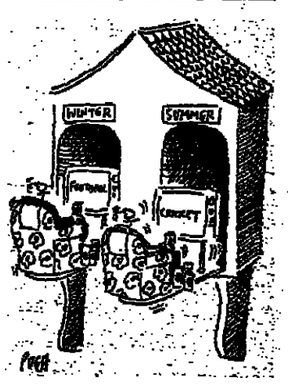
NOTHING is too good for the Queen's corgis. Her pack of five corgis and two "dorgis" (dachshund/corgi crosses) occasionally raise the hackles of her staff, but Her Majesty is sparing no cost to ensure that they sleep well. A new bed has been ordered.

The Somerset Willow Company in Bridgwater has been asked to supply a wicker basket, with four-inch legs to protect the pets from draughts. "We've chosen the best wicker. A very tight weave and a good colour," pronounces basket-maker Aubrey Hill.

Devilry

THE BISHOP OF ST ALBANS, the Rt Rev John Taylor, has come into the computer age by logging onto the Internet, through which users are said to "surf" the "information highways". His code is DEMON, the full address: STALBANS.DEMON.CO.UK.

"It's awful isn't it," says Andy Crooks, diocesan communications officer. "Demon Internet Services was the cheapest supplier we could find. But I pronounce it to rhyme with lemon."



Rosy Ross

A SCOTTISH castle which has stood for six centuries has been turned a surprising pink. The renovation wraps have just come off Balnagown Castle in the Highlands, which belongs to Mohamed Al Fayed, as does Harrods.

The property was once the seat of the Earls of Ross, and passers-by on the Easter Ross road have commented on the lively colour of its walls. But a spokesman for Al Fayed (who has spent many millions of pounds on his Scottish home, where the bathrooms taps are reputedly gold-plated) says that every attention to historical detail has been maintained.

● *Arriving at the London School of Economics this week for his lecture on his new book, Landscape & Memory, Simon Schama was surprised to be approached by one Simon Sharmer. "He showed me his passport to prove his name," says Schama. "He said he wanted to write a book and asked if he would have to change his name."*

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THE THIRD HOUR

And they crucified him (Mark 15:25)

In the late 15th century the monks of Isenheim in Alsace, commissioned from Mathias Grünewald a mammoth polyptych painting for their monastery. Grünewald's work is without doubt one of the major works of late medieval art, and of Christian art of all time. It was designed as an altarpiece towering above the altar. As they celebrated the Eucharist, as generations of Christians have done, the great altarpiece compelled the attention of the congregation, and especially of the dying and diseased patients tended by the community.



At the centre, when the altarpiece is closed, is a huge, tortured, plague-ridden Christ, dwarfing the figures who stand beneath – Mary, the Virgin Mother, and John, the beloved disciple, Mary Magdalen with the jar of precious ointment and, strangely out of place, the already martyred John the Baptist, who points insistently at the dying Christ. Behind the Baptist is the water of baptism, the sacramental symbol of both birth and death. The cupped hands of Christ, transfixed with nails, strain upwards in pleading prayer. All around darkness envelops the whole land.

Grünewald's outcast, plague-ridden Christ speaks of total identity with our human condition, not just the patients of the Isenheim hospital suffering from the strange, incurable, fungal disease they called St. Anthony's Fire, but all human disease and suffering, physical, mental and spiritual. The one who hangs there in agony is one the world's religious and political leaders had wished to eliminate from the world. Both human justice and religious manipulation are judged by that tortured figure on the cross. So too is the God who in creating this world gave it a terrifying freedom, creating not only that freedom which love requires but a freedom which allows the possibility of cancer and crime and the suffering of the innocent.

The Christian faith has dared to call this Friday "Good". St. John's Gospel speaks of this crucifixion as exaltation, the king ascending his throne, and the moment where Jesus is glorified. Why, and how? Here we are invited to see the cost and character of a Divine Love which in our humanity takes the weight of human sin and suffering, and takes responsibility for a world of pain and human agony. Here God, we may dare to say, knows from the inside the absence of God. That is his glory, that is his character, that is his very being and nature. Jesus cries, as his life drains away, "I thirst." The thirst is no less than the thirsting love of God for a fallen world and sinful humanity. And that thirst and love are drained and concentrated in the suffering figure of Christ crucified. Our human dying is a door through which our Creator has willed to pass. Here he reaches out to us in forgiveness and in healing. Here his church is born from the water and blood which flow from his side.

Grünewald's altarpiece has the Crucifixion on the closed outer frame. When the frame is opened, panels depict the Annunciation, the Madonna and Child with an angelic choir, and a Resurrection in which Christ bursts from the tomb, ascending in a radiant aureole of light, the cupped hands with the prints of the nails raised in blessing. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness is not able to overcome it." The crucified Christ is raised as the first-fruits of God's new creation, not to undo or bypass the suffering of the Cross, but to declare a victory already won, the Easter victory of a love which will not let us down and which will not let us go. "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

NO ROOM FOR DOUBT

A landmark judgment against the politics of intimidation

The High Court has cut through much of the special pleading about civil rights which has surrounded, and distorted, the protests aimed at obstructing the export of live animals for slaughter. In doing so, the judges have rendered powerful service to the rule of law in this country. The expression of civil rights must surely find its legal limit at the point where the rights of other citizens – in this case, of farmers to earn their livelihoods by a legal trade – are abridged.

The argument advanced to justify bans on these exports, imposed by the Dover port authority and sought by Coventry airport and by Plymouth Council, which attempted to close the city's Millbay Docks to livestock exports, was that they had a legal right to ensure the smooth running of these facilities and the safety of their customers. The judges rightly held that they had no such discretion under law: capitulation "to the dictates of unlawful pressure" was inadmissible.

Nothing in this ruling abridges free speech or the right of lawful protest. That has never been the issue. Many people feel strongly about the immorality of exporting calves to countries where crate-rearing, banned in Britain since 1990, is widespread. But that is not the issue here either. The point forcefully made by the court was that rights of protest are unlawfully exercised if intimidation, obstruction or actual violence enter in – and that those who bow to such pressures are complicit in illegal acts. Had the judges ruled otherwise, a path would have been laid for the return of intimidatory picketing to this country. The politics of menace would have been seen to pay.

The plans by Sussex police to restrict these exports to two sailings a week from Shoreham, and to arrest exporters for breaches of the peace if they deliver livestock on other days, already suggests a troubling precedent. Protests at Shoreham have put great strain on the police and cost taxpayers £3.7 million. But the law can only be brought into dispute if instead of targeting lawbreakers, authorities take action against those whose lawful conduct has attracted opposition. Demonstrators at Brightlingsea, by contrast, have been told that they face arrest if they continue to obstruct traffic. The same should apply to protesters at Dover, where port authorities fear that they will put the port's entire business "at risk". The police have powers to protect the public, and must use them.

Animal welfare groups may argue that there is also a proud British tradition of civil disobedience. So there is; but it is in no sense a licence which exempts the disobedient from prosecution where their actions break the law. Mrs Pankhurst never argued that she should be immune from arrest. Leave to appeal has been denied, because on the central issue of the rule of law, these cases leave "no room for doubt". Animal welfare activists should now exert peaceful pressure on Brussels to change the relevant European Community laws; and until they are changed, they should leave farmers alone.

UNDERWATER UNDERDOG

Britain will learn to love, and use, the Channel Tunnel

The British are supposed to love underdogs. So by rights, the ill-starred Eurotunnel and its equally unfortunate progeny, the Eurostar London to Paris express train, should enjoy the dewy-eyed affection of the British public. Yet for some reason, Britain leaps at the chance to ridicule the Channel Tunnel and all who pass through it.

Scarcely was the ink dry this week on Eurotunnel's announcement that the company could soon be "overwhelmed" by its debts, when a Eurostar train broke down for no apparent reason in the Kent countryside and delayed 2,400 passengers. The normal British reaction might have been an upsurge of sympathy for Eurotunnel and Eurostar. Instead, all the sympathy went to the passengers, who will receive full compensation – unlike the passengers of airlines and ferries who suffer delays due to technical hitches, storms or strikes.

All kinds of grand sociological and historical reasons can be suggested for the public's lack of affection for the Channel Tunnel: it has destroyed Britain's sense of splendid isolation; it threatens the cross-Channel ferries which are all that is left of a great seafaring heritage; technological advances have always aroused suspicion in an essentially Luddite nation.

There are, however, two more plausible and specific explanations for the Chunnel's failure to win British hearts. First, both Eurotunnel and Eurostar have proved remarkably incompetent at public relations: they have set unrealistic opening dates and sold tickets, only to cancel them at short notice; they have started passenger services before their trains were properly tested; they have invented a needlessly complex booking and check-in system; in the Kent breakdown they even committed the ultimate sin of transport operators by failing to tell their stranded passengers what was going on.

Secondly, and more seriously, Eurotunnel was almost doomed to failure by the way it was financed, with far too much debt and not enough equity. Most of the public relations disasters were caused directly by the company's desperate rush to start earning money before the impatient bankers called in the receivers.

If Eurotunnel as a company went bankrupt, the tunnel itself would, of course, remain. Freed of debt, its commercial success would be assured as it cut prices and put the ferries out of business. However, for the pro-market ideology that transformed Britain in the 1980s, Eurotunnel's financial failure would be a disaster. Not only would it ruin the Government's efforts to attract private sector money into other infrastructure projects. It would also confirm the public's unhealthiest suspicions about the world of finance: that the banks are short-sighted, that the stockmarket is a casino, and that only the Government can get big things done. If Eurotunnel failed, Britain might learn to love it. But it would be a high price to pay for our fondness for underdogs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Aitken and UK arms sales

From Sir James Blyth and Sir Colin Chandler

Sir, Commentators are keen to bemoan the United Kingdom's decline in manufacturing. Yet one of our manufacturing success stories in recent years has been our defence industry. That success has contributed substantial sums to the country's export trade (£6,800 million in 1994) and, by maximising economies of scale, helped to reduce the cost of equipment to the British taxpayer.

We know from our experience at the Ministry of Defence that winning orders in the face of the most formidable international competition requires the establishment of trust between the UK and our overseas friends. That takes time – even decades – to build and calls for a unique level of co-operation between industry and government.

Saudi Arabia is one of the UK's closest allies and a vital force for stability in the Middle East. The alliance between our two countries has resulted in very substantial export orders for UK companies which have served to sustain hundreds of thousands of jobs in Britain.

Many industrialists complain that too few politicians have experience of the real world of business. In our view, the interests of the UK and its industry were extremely well served by Jonathan Aitken who, as a defence minister, was a great help to industry in assisting our case throughout the world. His practical experience in trade and commerce, and the respect he commanded elsewhere, meant that he brought an invaluable dimension to his ministerial responsibilities.

A free press is essential for democracy – and business – to flourish. However, for many years now, the efforts of our dedicated export teams have been gravely hampered, and indeed, on occasions seriously damaged, by irresponsible journalism which may win press awards but has the power to undermine Britain's relationships and destroy real manufacturing jobs, not only here in the UK but, through collaborative projects, in many other parts of Europe as well.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BLYTH
(Head of Defence Sales, Ministry of Defence, 1981-85).
COLIN CHANDLER
(Head of Defence Export Services, Ministry of Defence, 1985-89).
c/o Vickers plc,
Millbank Tower, SW1.
April 13.

Recourse to the law

From Mr Tom Benyon

Sir, I doubt whether Simon Jenkins ("Why he is wrong to sue", April 12), unlike Jonathan Aitken, has been accused of procuring women for prostitution, hypocrisy and then implicit corruption, both by a respected paper and by a TV programme at peak viewing time. Not all viewers are as sophisticated as Mr Jenkins. They may believe there is no smoke without fire. Such savage indictments are not merely "ludicrous", and cannot be lightly brushed aside with a gentlemanly denial. Enough continuely sticks from them to end a ministerial career.

In *Othello*, Cassio said: "I have lost my reputation ... the immortal part of myself ..." In Shakespeare's day those castigated could resort to the flawed process of force for satisfaction, and at least critics thought twice before offending the fit and strong.

Today the processes of justice are still flawed and only the rich and tough can win whatever satisfaction there is to be had through the lottery of the courts. If Mr Aitken feels as strongly as Cassio, so be it.

Yours faithfully,
TOM BENYON,
The Old Rectory,
Adstock, Buckingham.
April 12.

From Mr George Stern

Sir, When Simon Jenkins, an eminent and veteran journalist and former Editor of *The Times*, says that he knows of almost no big defamation case in the High Court which yielded a just verdict, the time has come to ask why we should not simply abolish the whole tort of defamation.

In the USA public figures can virtually never sue for defamation, and no one claims that, as a result, good people will not enter public life.

In most European countries, defamation is a very minor crime handled by the lowest level of court. Fines of £10 or £100 are typical. If anybody wants to be defamatory he can be, and no one clamours for British-style million-pound cases.

If we abolish defamation, who would lose? A smear causing financial loss could still be sued for – malicious falsehood; but by ordinary English law, where you have to strictly prove actual quantified damage, not just weep in the witness box.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE STERN,
6 Eton Court, 6 Shepherds Hill, N6.

From Mr H. M. Salewitz

Sir, Mr Aitken has learnt from his colleagues how, when in difficulties, to exploit his family by parading them before the cameras.

How crude it all is. How vulgar.

Yours faithfully,
H. M. SALEWITZ,
43 Tetherdown, N10.

Care of the sick and unemployed

From Mrs Rosemary Waud

Sir, Thirty-four billion pounds are saved a year by the disabled being cared for at home. My husband became paraplegic in August 1994. Since being discharged from hospital, he needs constant care for 2½ hours a day. I am only too pleased to do it.

I applied for a carer's allowance which I was granted. I was told that as you are not allowed to receive two allowances my state old age pension was reduced, leaving me with a net payment of £3.10p per week for the allowance. The reason given was that as I am too old to do a job I do not warrant the allowance to replace a salary. Yet, at 64, I am not considered too old to look after a seriously disabled spouse.

Seventy-five per cent of carers suffer poor health, working under pressure day and night. Advantage is being taken of the fact that their voluntary services are performed mainly out of love. Justice demands that their allowance should be payable without deduction.

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY WAUD,
Weirfield Holt, Hincheslea,
Brockenhurst, Hampshire.
April 12.

From Mr I. D. Young

Sir, Care of the elderly is acknowledged as an increasing problem, requiring co-operation between all aspects of government and the individual. My own experience does not suggest that such co-operation exists.

Having converted the annex to our Victorian house into a "granny flat", leaving internal access to the rest of the house, I found the flat was deemed by the Department of the Environment to be a "separate dwelling", and I became liable for the separate council tax on it. Furthermore after my elderly mother-in-law, now 93, suffered a stroke and had to be moved back into the main house, I was told I was still required to pay half the council tax on the empty flat.

After correspondence with the local authority we have recently been awarded an exemption, but surely it is wrong that people like us – we are pensioners ourselves – should be penalised for the savings we are making to public funds by avoiding the need for an elderly dependent parent to go into a care home.

Yours faithfully,
I. D. YOUNG,
Harbour View, St Agnes Lane,
Chelston, Torquay, Devon.

From Mr J. C. Pallier

Sir, My wife is unemployed and because her married name begins with "P" her signing-on day is Wednesday. Therefore her working week begins on the same day.

She occasionally does temp work, and most of her jobs begin on Monday and end on Friday. The local jobcentre in its wisdom has decided that she loses two weeks' dole money for working this one week, as the period extends, it argues, over two weeks.

Is it just or logical that my wife should be so penalised when someone signing on at the same centre whose name begins with "A" would lose only one week?

During my Army days there was an enlightened officer who, every other week, worked through the payroll in reverse.

There must be many other instances where someone with a name towards the end of the alphabet is unfairly penalised.

Yours sincerely,
J. C. PALLIER,
14 Woodford Close,
Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.

Democracy in Europe

From the Vice-President of the European Parliament

Sir, I notice that, in a speech over the weekend, the former Chancellor, Norman Lamont, MP, called for the abolition of the elected European Parliament ("Scrap this costly vanity", April 13). It would appear that the anti-European wing of the Tory party is becoming anti-democratic.

If Mr Lamont wants to abolish the European Parliament purely on the grounds of cost why does he not just call for the abolition of the House of Commons while he is at it? Perhaps he would be happy for the Prime Minister and the Cabinet to make all decisions in secret.

It is widely accepted that there is a "democratic deficit" at the European Union level: because of geopolitical changes some decisions have shifted from the member state level to European level but are not taken by the democratically elected representatives of the people. Decisions which affect the lives of millions of European Union citizens are taken by 15 people meeting in secret in the Council of Ministers.

That cannot be right in a modern democratic system. That is why reforms were instituted, through the Single European Act and the Maastricht treaty on European union, to allow co-decision-making between the European Parliament, acting on behalf of the European citizens, and the Council of Ministers, representing the interests of the member states.

Democratic progress at European Union level should be furthered at the inter-governmental conference in 1996. It cannot be made by abolishing the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MARTIN
(MEP for Lothians (Labour)),
4 Lothian Street,
Dalkeith, Midlothian.

Gem of a church

From Mr R. N. Lines

Sir, BBC1 is to be congratulated on *Words from Jerusalem*, an imaginative presentation of the Easter Gospel, through John Gielgud's seven readings in a Buckinghamshire church, which started on Palm Sunday.

It is sad, however, that viewers have not so far been able to see more details of that magnificent church. All Saints at Hillesden, a unique gem and an architectural masterpiece, coeval and comparable on a smaller scale with King's College Chapel and the main staircase at Christ Church, Oxford. The fuzzy, out-of-focus lenten altar cloth shown behind Sir John gives no clue to the splendour of the church.

As a frame to the readings, either at the outset or at the end, a view or views of the exterior, the rood screen or the angel choir would have served to remind viewers of the triumph of faith in the late Middle Ages/early Renaissance, reinforcing the message of the triumph of Christ through the resurrection in St John's Gospel.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS LINES,
21a Chenies Avenue,
Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire.
April 10.

Iran allegations

From the Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Sir, I was surprised by your report, "Iranians 'raped on death row'" (March 31), particularly in the context of your call for reconciliation between Islam and the West, in your leading article, "Read the Koran", on the previous day.

The allegations were made by Lord Avebury and also by a self-confessed member of a well-known terrorist organisation. The so-called Mujahidin Khalq Organisation of Iran has for over a decade waged an armed operation against the people of Iran.

Publication of such unsubstantiated allegations is inconsistent with the views expressed in your leading article, which says:

International society needs a dialogue of reconciliation today between Western and Islamic thinkers as urgently as it once needed harmony between Christians and Jews.

Yours faithfully,
MOHAMMAD SAFAEI,
Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
16 Prince's Gate, SW7.
April 12.

Old acquaintance

From Mr Kristen Moller

Sir, I can contribute to your correspondence on the subject of acquaintances. A letter of mine which you published in 1991 brought a prompt response by post from someone I last saw in school in 1937 when I was 14 (letters, March 31, April 5 and 6).

His letter began: "I think you must be the young Moller I put on punishment drill for persistent talking during service in the Lady Chapel of Rochester Cathedral." I was able to confirm that this was so. Having kept a diary at the time I could even give him the actual day.

The incident stuck in his memory because he had just been appointed a prefect and I happened to be his first victim.

The meeting we subsequently arranged took place under much happier circumstances.

Yours sincerely,
K. MOLLER,
Grooms Cottage,
Upper Seagry,
Chippenham, Wiltshire.
April 6.

From Mr G. F. deC. Sizer

Sir, In 1972 you kindly printed a letter of mine as part of a correspondence. A couple of years later, unknown to me, these letters were reproduced in the *New Yorker* magazine under the heading "There'll always be an England". I learned of this when I got a letter from Mrs Ruth Sizer Marshall, who sent me many papers about her father's family.

We have corresponded with great pleasure for 20 years and she has visited us. She showed us the document granting 405 acres of land on Pamunkey Creek in King William county in the colony of Virginia to forebears who settled there in 1702.

Sir, you span the ages and the continents.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFF SIZER,
64 St Mary's Road, Benfleet, Essex.

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Issues at heart of fishing dispute

From the Director of WWF-UK (World Wide Fund for Nature)

Sir, The European Union seems to me to regard the Grand Banks fishing dispute as a political and legal matter, when at its heart it is, of course, a conservation issue.

Whilst this trans-Atlantic slanging match continues in a blaze of publicity, the much more significant UN conference for the management of high-seas fish stocks has been taking place, virtually unnoticed, in New York. These negotiations hinge on achieving an agreement for a legally binding international treaty to conserve the world's fisheries with strong enforcement measures to ensure compliance.

As in Brussels, these negotiations have been dogged by legal arguments, political point-scoring and uncompromising self-interest by the key fishing nations, including those of the EU. This obstructionism is extraordinarily frustrating for those of us who want to see our oceans managed for the well-being of everybody.

The fish in the seas provide nearly a third of all protein consumed in the developing world. The pillage of the oceans, directly supported by irresponsible governments, makes a mockery of sustainable development.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN PELLEW,
Director,
World Wide Fund for Nature,
Panda House, Weyside Park,
Catteshall Lane, Godalming, Surrey.
April 11.

From Señor Luis M. Esteruelas

Sir, You report (March 27) that engine size on Spanish fishing vessels is incorrectly registered, as there is a discrepancy between the figures given by the Spanish authorities and those on the Lloyd's Register of Shipping. Particular reference was made to two vessels, the *Andra Maixa* and the *Arretxinagako Mikel Deuna*.

In fact, both these vessels had their engine power modified in 1981, reducing it to 597 hp and 590 hp, respectively. This reduction was already shown in the list of fishing vessels contained in Annex IX of Spain's Treaty of Accession to the European Community of 1985. Furthermore, the *Andra Maixa* was decommissioned in June 1994. These measures were carried out in accordance with the reduction scheme of the EC by which the fishing power of all member states should be decreased.

The accuracy of the Lloyd's register should be checked, as far as these details are concerned, against the properly updated official sources which are at the disposal of the press.

On these grounds we would dispute the newspaper reports, to which you refer, saying that "dozens of vessels have apparently been registered in Spain with incorrect engine sizes".

Spanish registry inspectors, like their British counterparts, would detain any vessel discovered to have made an incorrect entry about engine size. All member states supply their registers to the European Union and any discrepancies would be duly and immediately noted by these authorities.

Yours faithfully,
LUIS M. ESTERUELAS
(Counsellor for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food),
Spanish Embassy,
24 Belgrave Square, SW1.
April 12.

From Mr O. Klass

Sir, Has no one ever wondered where some of these Spanish fishing vessels came from? Perhaps the Government should be reminded of its folly of allowing the sale of redundant fishing vessels during the 1980s.

Many of the vessels were sold to Spain complete. I remember, with their old fishing registry numbers boldly emblazoned on their bows. The owners of some of these vessels, having collected a more than realistic sum for this ageing fleet, are now crying foul and unfurling the maple leaf.

Yours sincerely,
O. KLASS,
22 Elmgrove Road,
Gorleston, Norfolk.
April 13.

Disputed legacy

From Mr Adam Bruce

Sir, I read with interest your reports (April 11) on the Selkirk peerage case, and the effect of Lord James Douglas-Hamilton's disclaimer on his late uncle's legacy. Under the terms of section 3(3) of the Peerage Act 1963, if Lord James is successful in his claim to the earldom, his disclaimer need not debar him from inheriting the legacy. There may yet be gold at the end of this particular rainbow.

Yours faithfully,
ADAM BRUCE,
McGrigor Donald (solicitors),
68-73 Queen Street, Edinburgh 2.

High days

From Mr Quentin Purdy

Sir, I notice that my in-laws' kitchen calendar has replaced Easter Day with a new festival known as "Phone-day".

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN PURDY,
2 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 13: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived *at Coventry Station and were* received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor) and the Lord Mayor of Coventry (Councillor Nicolas Nolan).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Coventry Cathedral and, having been received by the Bishop of Coventry (the Right Reverend Simon Barrington-Ward) and the Provost of Coventry (the Very Reverend John Petty), attended a Litany of Reconciliation in the Ruins of the Old Cathedral.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards attended the Maundy Service in the New Cathedral at which Her Majesty distributed the Royal Maundy.

The Bishop of St Albans (the Right Reverend John Taylor, Lord High Almoner) and the Reverend William Booth (Sub-Almoner) were present.

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards attended a Reception at St Michael's Hall.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, subsequently honoured the Lord Mayor with her presence at Luncheon at the Council House.

The Lady Farnham, Sir Kenneth Scott, Miss Penelope Russell-Smith and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 13: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning visited Duchy property in the Bath Area.

Mr John James was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal *Army Nursing Corps, today* visited the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

The Hon Mrs Wills and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 13: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Crippled Children's Association of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia, *and later attended a Welcome* Reception, Adelaide Town Hall, Adelaide.

Birthdays today

Sir Austen Brown, civil servant, 55; the Earl of Chichester, 51; Miss Julie Christie, actress, 55; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, 64; Miss Susan Davies, photographer, 62; Sir John Gielgud, CH, actor, 91; Mr Gerry Gillman, trade unionist, 68; Mr Ivor Guest, ballet writer, 75; *Mr C.J.M. Haines, former chief* executive, Jockey Club, 56; Miss Eiddwen Harrhy, soprano, 46; Lord Hastings, 83; the Right Rev Dr David Hope, Archbishop of York designate, 55; Mr Paddy Hopkirk, rally driver, 62; Mr Julian Lloyd Webber, cellist, 44; Miss L.E.M. Mackie, former Head Mistress, City of London School for Girls, 69; Colonel Sir Robert Macrae, former Lord Lieutenant of Orkney, 80; Baroness Masham of Ilton, 60; Mr P.G.A. Ramsay, former controller, BBC Scotland, 69; Dr J.M. Roberts, former Warden, *Merton College, Oxford,* 67; the Ven R.H. Roberts, former Chaplain of the Fleet, 64; Mr David Skipper, former Headmaster, Merchant Taylors' School, 64; Mr Rod Steiger, actor, 70; Miss Elizabeth Symons, trade unionist, 44; Sir Peter Thompson, former president, NFC, 67; Mr George Walker, former chief executive, Brent Walker Group, 66; Baroness Warnock, 71.

Dinner

Chief Constables' Club
The American Ambassador was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Chief Constables' Club held yesterday at Guildhall. Mr John Burrow, Chief Constable of Essex, presided.

Retirement

Judge David Phillips retires from the Wales and Chester Circuit today.

Forthcoming marriage

**Mr M.D. Skelton
and Miss R.N. Gosling**
The engagement is announced between Matthew David, eldest son of Dr and Mrs David A.W. Skelton, of Winterbourne Down, Bristol, and Rachael Nicola, eldest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Mark G.C. Gosling, of Ashburton, Devon.

Marriage

**Mr F.R.A. Swycher
and Miss W.J. Davis**
The marriage took place in London, on Monday, April 10, 1995, between Fraser, son of Mrs Marion Swycher and the late Mr Frank Swycher, of Sheffield, and Wendy Joy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arnold Davis, of Alwoodley, Leeds.

Church news

Church of Scotland
Ordination and induction:
The Rev Joyce Lynn to Roseangle Ryehill, Dundee.
Ordination:
The Rev Alexander Horsburgh to assistant at St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall.
Ordination and introduction:
The Rev Ian M S McInnes to associate, St Columba's, Ayr.
Translation:
The Rev James S Dick from Echt with Midmar to Ruchazie, Glasgow.
Retirements
The Rev J W S Brown from *Cromar.*
The Rev George D Goldie from Greyfriars, Aberdeen.
The Rev Andrew McCance from Middle, Coatbridge.
The Rev William W Niven from Alness.
The Rev George C Stewart from Drumblade with Huntly Strathbogie.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ortelius, cartographer of the first atlas, Antwerp, 1527; Christiaan Huygens, physicist, The Hague, 1629; William Henry Bentinck, 3rd Duke of Portland, Prime Minister 1783 and 1807-09, Bulstrode, Buckinghamshire, 1738; Peter Behrens, architect, Hamburg, 1868; Moritz Schlick, philosopher, Berlin, 1882; Edward Tolman, psychologist, West Newton, Massachusetts, 1886; Barbara Wootton, Baroness Wootton of Abinger, sociologist, Cambridge, 1897; Francois Duvalier, president of Haiti 1957-71, Port-au-Prince, 1907.

DEATHS: Richard Neville, (The Kingmaker), Earl of Warwick and Earl of Salisbury, killed at the Battle of Barnet, 1471; James *Hepburn, 4th Earl of Bothwell,* husband of Mary Queen of Scots, Draxholm, Norway, 1578; Thomas Otway, dramatist, Tower Hill, 1685; George Frederic Handel, composer, London, 1759; James Granger, biographer, Shiplake, Oxfordshire, 1776; William Whitehead, Poet Laureate 1757-85, London, 1785; Thomas Wright, prison philanthropist, Manchester, 1875; Louis Henri Sullivan, architect, Chicago, 1924; Vladimir Mayakovsky, poet and dramatist, committed suicide, Moscow, 1930; Ernest Bevin, trade unionist, Foreign Secretary 1945-51, London, 1951; Frederic March, actor, Los Angeles, 1975; Simone de Beauvoir, writer, Paris, 1986; Sammy Price, Jazz pianist and bandleader, New York, 1992.

The Lancastrians defeated the Yorkists at the Battle of Barnet and King Henry VI was deposed, 1471.

The typhus vaccine was discovered by Dr Harry Plotz in New York, 1903.

The Highway Code was issued, 1931.

Spain's King Alfonso XIII abdicated and fled to Rome, 1931.

A solemn visit as VE-Day's 50th anniversary draws near

The Queen returns to bombed cathedral

By Alan Hamilton

STANDING amid the bombed-out ruins of the old Coventry Cathedral, the Queen yesterday listened to a litany of reconciliation that offers Christian forgiveness for acts of war.

In a moment of solemnity before the nation assumes party mood for the 50th anniversary of VE-Day, the traditional annual Royal Maundy service for the first time steered its peripatetic progress around the cathedrals of England to Coventry, a city *whose devastation by* German bombs in November 1940 has assured it a niche in the annals of remembrance.

Dressed in a royal blue woollen coat against a chill April wind, the Queen walked through the roofless red sandstone shell of the old cathedral and stopped before the blackened stone remains of its altar. The Very Rev John Petty, provost of the cathedral, intoned the litany that has become established as Coventry's creed: "For the covetous desire of people and nations to possess what is not their own, Father forgive."

She last heard those words during her first state visit to a reunified Germany when she attended a service of reconciliation in the Kreuzkirche in Dresden, a city closely tied to Coventry by the bonds of mutual suffering. On that occasion, silent protesters displayed banners of objection at the honouring of Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris, the architect of Dresden's destruction, with a statue in London.

Yesterday's crowd of more than 1,000 that lined the street outside the cathedral was universally friendly and enthusiastic, and included Colin Edwards from Macclesfield, Cheshire, without whom no royal visit is complete. Mr Edwards collects royal encounters as others collect train numbers, and last night went home euphoric, having exchanged a loyal greeting for the 50th time.

Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry, the Queen moved into the new cathedral whose foundation stone she laid in 1956, for one of the oldest traditional fixtures in her annual calendar.

Sovereigns have distributed the Royal Maundy at least since the days of Edward I. It is the moment when the monarch leaves her throne and serves her people, in *commemoration of Christ's* washing of the disciples' feet and of his giving the new commandment to love one another. Monarchs have not washed feet since 1730, but the Queen still carries a ceremonial nosegay as a defence against odour and the plague, and the clergy still swathe themselves in linen towels.

During the service the Queen distributed the specially-minted Maundy money to 69 men and 69 women, each *receiving 69 pence. The num*ber of recipients and the amount of silver coinage is determined, not by inflation, but by the sovereign's age. The recipients are pensioners selected for their Christian works in the diocese.

Another Maundy tradition is the group photograph, in which the clergy of the chosen cathedral can pose for posterity with the Queen. Yesterday's group included Peter Wright, retiring as secretary of the Royal Almonry after overseeing 31 Maundy services, and his son Paul, 43, director of music at Coventry Cathedral.

IAN HODGSON



The Queen arriving with the Duke of Edinburgh at Coventry Cathedral yesterday

The Sovereign's Parade

General Sir Charles Guthrie represented Her Majesty the Queen at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst yesterday.

The following have been granted commissions in the Regiments and Corps shown, having successfully completed Commissioning Course No 942. The Sword of Honour and The Queen's Medal were won by Junior Under Officer R D Wallwork.

C T Ashton, AGC (SPS), St Bernard's Barrow-in-Furness; J P G Baker, RA, Canford School; P C T Birkett-Wendes, PWRR, Ryde HS; J R C Bland, R Irish, Campbell College; E B J Botterill, RA, Repton School; C N Bowen, RLC, Bishop Barrington School; G I Bradley, RA, Llandovery College; D P Bridges RA, Soham Village College; C Brook, RA, Carr Hill HS, Kirkham; E G Brooks, QLR, Arnold School; J I Brunswick, RA, Aylesbury GS; P D Button, RA, Dane Court School, Broadstairs.

T F Charles, WG, Taunton School; K F Clark, RLC, Ockbrook School, Derby; N A Colman, RA, Norwich School; S Cordina, RLC, Queen Elizabeth School; D Corrigan, AAC, St Joan of Arc, Rickmansworth; A Costley, RLC, Douglas Ewart, Newton Stewart; A J Crew, AGC (SPS), Ysgol Friars, Bangor; P J Crossley, REME, Oakham School; G S Cushing, QRL, Oundle School.

D C de la Rosa, RE, Stirling High School; T E de la Rue, RGJ, Peterhouse School, Zimbabwe; N M Denny, PWRR, St Dunstan's College; J G Dermody, RLC, King's College, Taunton; A J Doig, AGC (SPS), Paraparaumu College, NZ; J F Ellson, AGC (ETS), Methodist College, Belfast.

P S Facer, RLC, Leweston School, Sherbourne; A J E Fairbairn, RLC, St Felix School, Southwold; J A Farrer, 9/12 L, Monkton Combe School; S J Fisher, RLC, Reigate GS; G D Gatenby, Cheshire, Rossall School; N M Gee, RA, Hulme GS; SW Gorski, AGC (SPS), Astley HS, Seaton Delaval; G M Greenhill, R Signals, The Plume School, Maldon; J W Grylls, Green Howards, Grey HS, South Africa.

J W L Hall, RE, Warwick School; S P Hamilton, REME, King's School, Gutersloh; G V Hardy, AGC (SPS), Brentwood HS; T A Harper, Light Infantry, Harry Ainley School, Canada; S J Harrild, R Signals, Rainham Mark GS, Gillingham; M J Hesketh, RLC, Knowle HS, Blackpool; T D Hirst, REME, Vaisona School, Harare; J C Hodgson, QLR, Haughton School, Darlington; R P Honey, PWRR, Reed's School; R M Hopp, REME, Smithdon School, Hunstanton; A M Hulme, REME, John Bentley School, Calne.

J M Inman, AGC (PRO), Bentham School, Lancaster; ME Jackson, Para, Wellington College; R M Jackson, KRH, Allhallows School; S A Macdonald, RE, Welbeck College; S C Marcandonatos, RGR, Chigwell School; A M Maynard, RTR, Wellington College; R McCoy, RLC, Kings Norton School; P D Merry, R Signals, Chichester HS; A D Metcalfe, RTR, Garth Hill CS, Bracknell; A C Michelin, RTR, Seaford Coll; J A Mochan, RA, St Aloysius College, Glasgow; NJ Morris, R Signals, Cleeve School, Cheltenham; A W Moxham, RE, Sackville School; S Murray, AGC (ETS), The High School, Boston.

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Mahatma Renew Williams, Jamaica

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Church services today

Good Friday
BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M. L & Ante C. Lamentations (Bairstow); 12.30 Three Hours Devotion. Canon Taylor: 8 Liturgy of Lord's Passion.
BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College Green 8.40 M: 10.30 Liturgy. Responses (Plainsong). Crucifixus (Lotti). My God, My God (Blow). Crux Fidelis (John IV of Portugal); 12-3 Devotion. The Dean: 5.15 EP.
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 9.30 Liturgy. Responses (Sarum). Lamentation (Bairstow). Litany (Tallis). Passion/-Reproaches (Victoria). Faithful Cross (John of Portugal): 12-3 Devotion. Rev R Symon: 5.30 E. Caligaverunt oculi mei (Victoria). Responses (Sarum). Short Service (Tallis). Crucifixus (Lotti): 7.30 Stations of Cross.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 12 M. Responses (Plainsong). The Lamentation (Bairstow): 1 M: 2 L. Crucifixus (Lotti). St John Passion (Victoria).
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8.15 C & MP: 12 The Three hours. Rev V Stock: 5.15 EP: 7.45 L & C. Crux Fildelis (John of Portugal). The Reproaches (Vittoria).
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 9.15 MP: 10 L & Ante-C. Daughters of Zion (Malcolm Boyle). Crux Fidelis (John of Portugal): 12-3 *Devotion: 5.15 EP: 7.30 United Service.*
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 8.30 MP: 9.30 L. Crucifixus (Lotti). Drop drop slow tears (Walton). Jesu grant me this I pray (Bairstow/Gibbons). Canon C Lamb: 12 Liturgy of Reconciliation: 12.40 Midday P: 5 EP: 7.30 St John Passion (Bach).
***DURHAM CATHEDRAL:** 9 MP & L: 12-3* Devotion: 12 Liturgy. The Passion according to St John (Victoria). Adoramus te Christe (Palestrina). Missa orbis factor. Crux fidelis (King John of Portugal). Drop drop slow tears (Gibbons). Canon R Coppin: 1 Prayer: 2 Commemoration of Passion: *5.15 EP: 6.15 United Service for* Durham Council of Churches. Rev J Mayland.
ELY CATHEDRAL: 10.15 Procession of Witness: 12 Liturgy. The Passion (Vittoria). The Reproaches (Plainsong). Ave verum corpus (Philips). Drop drop slow tears (Gibbons): 5.30 E. Preces (Ebdon). Farrant in A minor. Stabat Mater (Palestrina).
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 8 Ante C: 10.30 Family: 11.30 United Service of Witness in Market Sq. The Bishop: 12-3 Devotion. Bishop Godfrey Ashby: *6.15 EP.*
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 12 M. O crux ave (Morales). Crucifixus (Lotti). Ex ore innocentium (Ireland). The Chancellor: 1. Proclamation of the Cross. Salvator mundi (Tallis). The Reporaches (Sanders). The Custos: 2 E. Responses (Plainsong). Fauxbourdon Service (Tomkins). O vos omnes (Casals). The Dean: 7.30 United service for the Lichfield Chruches.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 9.30 L & Ante C. Litany in Procession (Tallis). The Lamentation (Bairstow). Passion Gospel (Vittoria). Praise to Thee Lord Jesus (Schutz): 12 Devotion: 3.45 Hymns: 5.15 E. Responses (Plainsong). Tones VII and I with fauxbourdons/Salvator mundi (Tallis): 5.30 Ballad of the Breadman (Retro Choir).
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 8.30 M: 9.15 *Children: 10.15 SL. The Litany (Tallis). The* Lamentation (Bairstow). The Passion of our Lord according to St John (Victoria). The Reproaches (Palestrina): 12-3 Devotions. Rev Canon D Richards: 6 E. Tonus Peregrinus & Tone I with fauxbourdons (Byrd). O Domine Jesu *Christe (Scheidt).*
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 MP: 8 HC: 12 Service of Good Friday: 1.30 At The Foot of the Cross: 3.30 E: 7.30 Music & readings for Good Friday.
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 10 Liturgy of Good Friday. St John Passion *(Plainsong). Reproaches (Palestrina). Crux* fidelis (John of Portugal). V Rev H Dickinson: 12-3 Devotions. Rev Dr S Barton. 4 Children: 5.30 E. In the departure of the Lord (Bull). Responses (Plainsong). Tonus peregrinus & 1st tone with faux-bourdon (Byrd). Ecce quomodo *moritur (Victoria): 7.30 Procession from* Guildhall to Cathedral: 8 Reflection on Descent from Cross.
SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 10 Liturgy: 12-3 Devotion. Canon J Sinclair. 5.30 EP: 8 Stainer's Crucifixion.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 9 M: 10 Liturgy. Reproaches (Sanders): 11.15 United Service, High Cross: 12-3 Devotion. The Bishop: 5 E. Responses (Plainsong). Fauxbourdons (Morley). Crucifixus pro nobis (Lotti).
***WELLS CATHEDRAL:** 8 Ante C; 10 M* The lamentation (Bairstow). Crucifixus etiam pro nobis (Lotti): 12 Three hour devotion. The Bishop: 5.15 E: 5.45 Stations of the Cross: 7.30 Music for Good Friday.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 12 Liturgy and Veneration of Cross Passion according to St John (Victoria). Crux fidelis (John IV of Portugal). Canon A Harvey: 1.45 The Passion: 5 E. Short service (Causton). O vos omnes (Casals).
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 8 MP: 10 Office of Readings. Responsories for Tenebrae (Victoria): 3 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. Christus factus est (Bruckner). Passion According to St John (Byrd). Crucifixus etiam pro nobis (Lotti). Tenebrae factae sunt (Poulenc). HE The Cardinal: 8 Stations of Cross
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M: 12-3 *Devotion:* 12 The Preparation. Canon Morgan: 1 Vigil of Silence: 1.30 Litany in Procession (Tallis): 1.45 Liturgy. St John Passion (Victoria). The Reproaches (Victoria). Crux fidelis (John of Portugal): 5.30 E.
YORK MINSTER: 10 M & Ante C. The *Lamentation (Bairstow). Short Service* (Gibbons). Kyrie eleison (Lassus). St John Passion (Vittoria). In the departure of the Lord (Bull): 12 Three hours devotion: 4 E. Short Service (Gibbons). Cruxifixus etiam pro nobis (Lotti): 7.30 United Act of Worship.
***ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London:** 10 M &* L. The Lamentation (Bairstow). Miserere (Allegria). Litany (Tallis): 12-3 Devotion: 12-4 Preaching of Cross. Rt Rev Lord Runcie of Cuddesdon: 2-3 Liturgy: 5 E. Tonus Peregrinus and tone VII: Tenebrae factae sunt (Victoria). Ven G Cassidy.
***ALL SAINTS.** Margaret Street, W1: 9 MP:* 12 Devotion: 1 Liturgy. Reproaches (Palestrina). Crucifixus (Lotti).
ALL SOULS. Langham Place. W1: 10. Family: Rev R Bewes: 12-3 Meditation. Bishop P Harris.
THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street. W1: Popule meus (Vittoria). Caligaverunt oculi me (Croce).
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10, Tenebrae, Responsories (Victoria): 12, Stations of the Cross: 3 Liturgy. St John Passion/Ne Irascaris (Byrd). Lamentation (Victoria): 6.30 Stations of the Cross.
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 MP. Archbishop Y Gizirian.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 10.30, Meditation at the Cross. Rev P Hulme, Sr E Colley.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: Noon Crucifixion in Victoria Street.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 11.30 Distribution of the Butterworth Charity; 12 M, Litany & Ante C, Lamentation (Bairstow), Litany (Tallis). Passion according to St John (Victoria). Adoramus Te (Ruffo), Christus factus est (Anerio), Crux fidelis (John of Portugal).
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Service for Good Friday. Rev W Alexander Cairns.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 3, The Lord's Passion, Christus factus est (Bruckner), Passion according to St John (Victoria), Improperia (Palestrina), Crux fidelis (Clemens non Papa), Adoramus te Christe (Rosselli). Sepulto Domino (Victoria).
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 10 Litany & Ante C: 2.30 V, Passion according to St Matthew (Bach).
***ST LUKE'S,** Chelsea, SW3: 12-3 Devotion.* Rev T Devonshire Jones.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 11 Liturgy, Passion & Reproaches (Victoria). O vos Omnes (Pablo Casals): 2 Meditation. Rev Sr Patricia.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: *10.30 M, Sermon & Litany, Drop drop* slow tears (Leighton), Wer Gottes Marter (Schutz), Canon D Gray.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 10 Good Friday Liturgy: 12 Three Hours of Devotion, Le Roy Kyrie (Taverner), The Reproaches (Sanders), All they that see him laugh to scorn/He trusted in God that he would deliver him (Messiah) Handel, Solus ad victimam (Leighton), Crucifixus (Lotti), Nunc Dimittis (Tavener), Were you there when they crucified *my Lord? (Stringer).*
ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 9.30 M, Litany & Ante C: 12-3 Devotion, Canon S Van Culin.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 12, Preaching of the Passion, Fr J Gilling: 2 Liturgy of Christ's Passion, Passion according to St John (Victoria), Crux fidelis (John of Portugal), Civitas Sancti (Byrd).
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 10 Liturgy, 12-3 Devotion. The Rector: 6.30 The Crucifixion (Stainer).
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 12-2 Preaching of Cross, Canon A Dunstan: 2.5 Liturgy of Passion, Passion (Byrd), Reproaches (Victoria).
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 11, The Lord's Passion, St John Passion (Stephen Ridgley-Whitehouse), Reproaches, Crux fidelis (John of Portugal), Crucifixus (Lotti), Were you there? (arr Richard Lloyd).
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 11 Stations of Cross: 2-3 Preaching of the Passion, Canon Colven: 3 S Liturgy of the Passion, St John Passion/Crux Fidelis (John of Portugal), Adoramus te Christe (Lotti).
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 7 A Good Friday Meditation, Fauré's Requiem in the context of Evensong, Canon J G M Murphy.
CHAPEL ROYAL, *Hampton Court Palace:* 11 Ante C, Boy's voices & reading of Passion, Messe Basse (Faure).
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 12, Stations of Cross: 1.15 Good Friday Liturgy, Reproaches (Victoria), Crux fidelis (John of Portugal), *Crucifixus (Lotti), Rev S Hobbs.*
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Lamentations (Bairstow), Ave Verum (Byrd). The Chaplain: 12 One Hour's Devotion, The Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 10.30 MP: 11 Good Friday Service.

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BALDWIN - On 7th April, to Rachel (Tregear) and Alan, a daughter, Harriet Sara.

CARRELET - To Manuel and Catherine, a son, Christophe Dominique, a brother for Tatiana, on April 11th at The Portland Hospital.

COUNSELL - On Palm Sunday, 9th April at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Lisa (née *Rodway)* and James, a son, Thomas Michael.

GOLDSTEIN - On 9th April at The Portland Hospital, a daughter Marissa Clara for Claudia, a birthday present *for Anthony* and a sister for Natasha.

GRAHAM - On April 5th, to Jo and Mark, a son, Christian Emmett. Special thanks to Barbara Cartwright, the junior birth assistant.

GRAHAM - On 12th April 1995, to Belinda and Neal, a son, Jack Edward, a brother for Daniel.

METCALFE - On April 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Noreen and Kevin, a beautiful daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth at 2lbs 3oz.

BIRTHS

MOORE - *On 4th April 1995* in Exeter, to Gilly (Thompson) and Paul, a son, Guy Nicholas Waites, a half-brother to Nicholas Ron Chapa (died 16th August 1994).

NICOL - To Louise (née Band) and Andrew, a son, Oliver Edward, on 10th April 1995.

ORR - On April 11th 1995, to Elizabeth (née Parks) and Murray, a son, Frederic Murray Wilson, a brother for Olivia and James.

YOUNG - On April 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Deborah (née Grady) and Michael, a son, Patrick Watson, a brother for Matthew and Benjamin.

DEATHS

AKERS - Eric Harold passed *away* April 9th after long illness. Cremation service for *family followed by Service of* Thanksgiving, Highfield Road Baptist Church, Dartford, 3.15 pm Friday April 21st.

DEATHS

AYLEN - On April 11th, suddenly, Alice Brough Aylen, dearly loved wife of Rear Admiral Ian Aylen, mother of Jill, Jessamy and Jonathan and much loved grandmother. Funeral *Service at St Paul's Church,* Honiton, on Tuesday 18th April at 11 am. Please no flowers but donations, if desired, to St Paul's Church Restoration Fund or Leukaemia Research Fund *c/o* Shoobridge Funeral Services, 154 High Street, Honiton.

GREENE - Suddenly at Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL USA, March 14th Hazel Joan british by birth and heart beloved mother of Neal Carnaby and Sally Campbell, grandmother of Tammara, loved by Erika and Bill. She will be missed.

JONES - Suddenly on 11th April, David John Clayton Jones, Ph.D.(Wales) of Eglwysfach, Aberystwyth. Dear father of Julian and Timothy and close companion of Elizabeth. Funeral Service at Eglwysfach Church on 15th April at 2 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers towards British Heart Foundation c/o C. Trefor Evans, Brongenau, Llandre, Aberystwyth SY24 5BS.

DEATHS

KAVANAGH - On April 10th, Michael, dear son of the late Charles and Nancy Kavanagh, father of Christopher and brother of Mary.

PARKER - On April 12th 1995 peacefully at home Timothy Oliver. Beloved husband of the late Rosemary and much loved father of Oliver, Michael and Emma. Funeral service at St Luke's Chelsea at 12 noon Friday 21st April. Family flowers only please.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BANTOCK - Ted, April 14th 1986. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die". Agnes.

KIMITSUKA - Yoli, 24.3.32 - 14.4.92. Many friends remember with love and thanksgiving her life of art, friendship and great courage. No work she produced was ever less than perfect.

LAURENCE - Gwen, April 14th 1993. My darling mother, your lovely spirit sustains me along the way. Clare.

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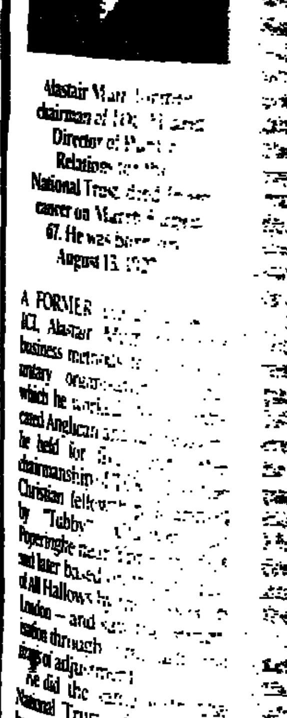
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OBITUARIES

GROUP CAPTAIN GEORGE GILROY

Group Captain George Gilroy, DSO, DFC and Bar, wartime fighter ace, died on March 25 aged 79. He was born in Edinburgh on June 1, 1915.



WHEN, with four of his comrades of 603 (County of Edinburgh) Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, George Gilroy intercepted and shot down a Heinkel He111 over Rosyth in October 1939, it was the first RAF kill of the Second World War. It was also the first German aircraft to be brought down over British soil since 1918. Given that the top speed of 603's biplane Gladiators was actually 5mph slower than that of the Heinkel — a case of a British fighter design owing much to the first war pitting itself against German aviation technology of the second — it was not a bad achievement.

The fact that an interception had taken place at all was something of a miracle since the Firth of Forth's warning radar went on the blink at the critical moment. Nevertheless, Nos 602 and 603 squadrons bagged two He111s on that day, but could not prevent the cruisers *Southampton* and *Edinburgh* from being severely damaged by German bombs at their berths in Rosyth Dockyard.

With a final tally of 21 kills from a combat career that lasted from the earliest aerial clashes of the war through to the end of 1943 and the air battles over Italy, Gilroy was among the top echelon of British aces. In that period he had several close brushes with death.

George Kemp Gilroy worked as a sheep farmer in the 1930s, but he also joined 603 Squadron, into which he was commissioned in 1938. From soon after the outbreak of war the squadron's Gladiators were regularly involved in action against the Luftwaffe, in its early attempts to penetrate British airspace over the east coast of Scotland.

In November 1939 the squadron was re-equipped with Spitfires which enabled it to engage with the enemy on a more equal footing. Gilroy had shot down a number of enemy bombers, and been awarded his first DFC, by the time No 603 was moved south in August 1940 to take part with 11 Group in the Battle of Britain. Operating out of Hornchurch, it was to become one of Fighter Command's most effective units, accounting for more than a hundred raiders during the battle.

Fairly soon Gilroy was adding Messerschmitt fighters to his toll of bombers. But on September 1 he was himself hit by cannon fire from a German fighter; his fuel tanks caught fire and he had to bale out. Unfortunately for him, he came down over Dagenham shortly after a German pilot had been seen descending by parachute over the area. In the climate of war — in which East London homes had suffered terrible damage and loss of life to men, women and children — the Home Guard of Dagenham were, understandably, not in a merciful mood.

Gilroy came under fire from the first Home Guard men to reach him, but was thankfully to survive to record that their aim was not of the best. It fell to a bus conductress, who recognised the uniform of the Royal Air Force in spite of Gilroy's badly burnt state, to interpose herself between the wounded pilot and the wrath of his would-be executioners. She made sure he was taken to hospital where his severe burns were treated.

In his hospital bed he was visited by the Mayor of Dagenham who presented him with a cheque for £10 as compensation for the shock he had received from the vigilance of the local fencibles. With this — in those days considerable sum — Gilroy stood a round for any of his young pilots who shot down an enemy aircraft, for some time afterwards. When the Battle of Britain ended and Fighter Command went on the offensive in 1941 Gilroy continued to add to his score.

In the summer of 1941 he was given command of 609 Squadron. An inspirational leader, he set the example as an unrelentingly combative pilot. In 1942 the squadron was equipped with the new Typhoon which, although it was not a success as a high altitude interceptor, proved good at countering the Luftwaffe's low-level nuisance raids on the South Coast of England. In June that year he was awarded his second DFC.

He then went to North Africa in command of a wing of Spitfires. He was a remarkably successful wing leader and continued to wreak fearsome punishment on the enemy. German fighters, bombers and transport planes fell to his guns and this progress continued when the invasion of Sicily began and he flew against the Italian air force. Many times wounded, he nevertheless continued to take a toll, before being promoted group captain and returning to England. Until the end of the war he commanded the RAF stations Wittering and Blakelow. He had been awarded the DSO in the summer of 1943 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross of the United States in 1944.

He left the RAF at the end of the war but rejoined the RAAF, returning to his old squadron, No 603, of which he was commanding officer until 1949. In the meantime he took up farming in Kirkudbrightshire where he became a notable breeder of Galloway cattle.

His first wife, Evelyn, died in 1984. He is survived by his second wife, Jane, and by two sons and a daughter.

DENNIS KING

Dennis King, MBE, stained glass craftsman, died on March 5 aged 82. He was born on May 15, 1912.



DENNIS KING was an expert restorer of medieval stained glass who worked on some of the finest examples of ecclesiastical art in the country.

He started to practise his craft in the early 1930s, when it was generally considered that restoration work on medieval windows carried out by Victorian craftsmen — who tended to favour strong colours — was garish and should go. The thinking was that windows, whenever possible, should be returned to the more muted tones of the original.

However, by the 1960s a spirited campaign by John Betjeman and the Victorian Society had produced a sea-change in attitudes. Gradually King found himself being asked to restore not only a 14th-century original, but its later additions also. Both were coming to be considered equally interesting parts of the window's history — though the recent arguments over Augustus Pugin's window at Sherborne Abbey show how strong the anti-Victorian feeling still is in some quarters. King preserved the work of many talented Victorian craftsmen, including Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris.

His talents extended beyond stained glass restoration. He had the passion of an art historian and an antiquary, combined with an encyclopaedic knowledge of heraldry and iconography. If a restoration job had been performed incorrectly, King could unjumble the elements.

Among some of his more noteworthy restoration jobs was that of the Jesse Tree in the east window of Winchester College Chapel. Dating from 1380, this had been replaced in the 19th century by a copy and the precious glass widely dispersed, some pieces as far afield as America. With a group of architects, King located and reassembled the original glass into the original design which, on a smaller scale, he then reconstructed in a side chapel.

At Long Melford Church in Suffolk he worked, from 1957 to 1985, on the 15th-century clerestory windows. Individual figures from these, decorated with armorial bearings, had been scattered to other parts of the church such as the chancel. King re-assembled them close to their old position, but at a lower level so that they could be seen easily by the congregation.

There was also ongoing restoration work at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, from 1961, and at the chapel of Merton College, Oxford, 1962-91. One of his last major projects was assembling stained glass windows at the Tower of London. Although there had been no stained glass there previously, King composed a sympathetic geometric arrangement from 19th-century glass fragments.

Dennis George King was born in Norwich, the son of a decorative artist who gilded cinema interiors and painted ornamental mouldings as well as working in glass. He was educated at Norwich School, and then joined his father in business, setting up a glazier's workship in the cathedral close. They quickly came to specialise in stained glass (and were joined by a third generation — Dennis King's son Michael — in the 1960s). During the war, as a pacifist, King served as an ARP warden.

Apart from his own commissions he was generous with his expertise. He acted as a consultant to the York Minster and Canterbury Cathedral glaziers, and was invited by the Soprintendenza of Venice to advise on the 16th-century windows in the south transept of San Giovanni e Paolo.

He was a freeman of both the City of London and the City of Norwich, and he was a member of numerous organisations and associations, and a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass.

He was an elder and deacon of the Congregational, now the United Reform, Church, and he was appointed MBE in 1979.

His wife Hilda, whom he married in 1935, died in 1989, and he is survived by their two sons and a daughter.

ALASTAIR MUIR



Alastair Muir, former chairman of TOC H and Director of Public Relations for the National Trust, died from cancer on March 5 aged 67. He was born on August 13, 1927.

A FORMER executive with ICI, Alastair Muir brought business methods to two voluntary organisations with which he worked. As a dedicated Anglican and lay reader, he held for five years the chairmanship of TOC H — the Christian fellowship founded by "Tubby" Clayton at Poperinghe near Ypres in 1915 and later based on the church of All Hallows by the Tower in London — and saw the organisation through some difficult times of adjustment.

He did the same with the National Trust, of which he became Director of Public Relations in 1982, serving in that post until he retired in 1987. He was one of the first to recognise the need to preserve beautiful tracts of coastline and countryside just as much as precious buildings.

Alastair William Erskine Muir was educated at the Dragon School, Oxford, and at Eton. He did his National Service with the Royal Navy, being commissioned as a sub-lieutenant, before going up to New College, Oxford, in 1948 to read history. Always keenly interested in music, he played the violin in the university orchestra.

Nearly half his life was spent in the service of ICI, which he joined in 1950. Starting off as a trainee in the supply department, he later worked mainly abroad, becoming head of ICI's Africa department in 1968 and of its Pacific department in 1973. He enjoyed encouraging development, and in Africa took pride in having ensured ICI investment and in having founded a variety of factories, particularly in Kenya and Zambia.

In the Far East he led the way in investing in Taiwan, setting up a highly successful paints factory there in the late 1970s. Aware of the then emerging Japanese challenge, he sought to understand Japan's business methods and came to appreciate its culture. He retired from ICI as head of central purchasing in 1982 and immediately went to work for the National Trust.

A man of artistic tastes, he kept up his interest in music to the end of his life and was also active in the world of the visual arts (while at Oxford he had founded the university art club and launched the New College JCR picture-buying scheme). He is survived by his wife, the mosaicist Jane Muir, and by their two sons.

PRISCILLA LANE

Priscilla Lane, Hollywood actress, died in Andover, Massachusetts, on April 4 aged 77. She was born in Indianola, Iowa, on June 12, 1917.



THERE were three Lane Sisters: Rosemary, Lola and Priscilla, all of whom went to Hollywood to seek their fortunes, and all of whom were signed up as contract players by Warner Brothers.

For a time they appeared together, first in the 1937 film *Variety Show*, and then in a series of sentimental dramas beginning with *Four Daughters* (1938), and continuing with *Four Wives* (1939) and *Four Mothers* (1940).

But Priscilla, a blue-eyed blonde, the youngest and prettiest of the trio, was forging ahead to make a screen career on her own. In 1938 she starred opposite Ronald Reagan in *Brother Rat*, and the following year made *The Roaring Twenties* with James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart.

She had other notable roles in *Saboteur* with Robert Cummings (1942) and *Arsenic and Old Lace* with Cary Grant in 1944.

Although never considered an outstanding actress, Lane was a popular star and appeared in dozens of successful productions. One of the four films she made in 1939, *Yes My Darling Daughter*, achieved notoriety when it was banned by New York censors because her character induced a man to spend an unchaperoned — though totally innocent — weekend with her.

In an era when stars did what they were told, or else, Lane also gained a reputation for independence. Warner Brothers suspended her at least twice when she refused to take roles which she considered unsuitable.

One of five sisters, whose original surname was Mulligan, Priscilla Lane studied at a music conservatory in Des Moines, Iowa, before being discovered by the bandleader Fred Waring in the mid-1930s.

She and Rosemary entered showbusiness as vocalists with Waring's band, the Pennsylvanians, and toured for several years before joining Lola in Hollywood, where their eldest sister had been playing minor roles since 1929.

Priscilla Lane retired from acting in 1948 after making the film *Bodyguard*, marrying an Air Force colonel and moving to New Hampshire where she settled and raised a family. Her only return to show business was as host of a local Boston television programme in 1958.

Widowed in 1976, she also outlived both her sisters and is survived by two sons and two daughters.

CANON LESLIE TIRRELL

Canon Leslie Tirrell, Director of Education for the dioceses of London and Southwark, 1949-71, died on March 17 aged 88. He was born on February 19, 1907.

THE Butler Education Act of 1944, with its provision for "controlled" or "aided" church schools, started a new chapter in the relationship between the State and the Churches. What Parliament had laid down — including the provision for an "agreed syllabus" for religious education — had to be worked out in practice by the various Anglican dioceses in conjunction with the relevant local education authorities, and always under the all-seeing eye of the Ministry of Education.

The Church of England thus found itself facing a new need: for educational experts who were skilful negotiators, diligent administrators and who, in the complexities of their work, would never lose sight of its main purpose — the educational welfare of children, whether they were in church or local authority schools.

Such an exemplary diocesan director of education was Leslie Burditt Tirrell. Born at Oadby in Leicestershire, he attended the City Boys School in Leicester, and subsequently took the London BSc degree via the then Leicester University College. After training at Salisbury Theological College he was ordained at Leicester in 1931, serving his title at Loughborough and then moving on to a further curacy at Alnwick in 1934. From 1937 to 1941 he was vicar of Ulgham before being appointed in the latter year vicar of Tynemouth, where he combined his duties at the Priory Church with the chaplaincy of Tynemouth School.

The major change in his life came in 1949 when he was summoned south by Dr William Wand, the Bishop of London, and Dr Bertram Simpson, his opposite number at Southwark, to oversee church schools and take responsibility for religious teaching on both sides of the Thames. This was a big job — indeed, it represented as important a post as any (except perhaps for the secretaryship of the National Society) on the educational side of the Church of England.

Tirrell found himself working closely with the LCC — after 1964 the GLC — and with a multitude of local authorities, since his "parish" reached well out into Middlesex and Surrey where the educational writ of the LCC did not run. He was appointed an honorary canon of Southwark in 1951 and served as a proctor in convocation for the diocese, 1959-64.

But his chief work was always that of Director of Education. He held the post, serving both London and Southwark, for 22 years and brought vision and efficiency to it. His *Aided Schools Handbook* was an invaluable guide to the intricacies of the law in relation to what were, in effect, still voluntary denominational schools — though their number tended to shrink as the cost of maintaining their buildings grew.

In 1971 Tyrrell was appointed deputy general secretary of the National Society, the Anglican body that traditionally had had the overall responsibility for all church schools and training colleges. It was probably a little late for him to make such a change — in any event, he stayed with the National Society for only four years before taking up retirement in Surrey, where he kept his hand in by becoming the inspector of church schools for the Leatherhead deanery.

First and foremost a pastor, he always enjoyed such "extra curricular" opportunities as he got. For 30 years he was chaplain to the Queen's Own Regimental Association and he took great pleasure in the various "locum" chaplaincies that he took on the Continent. He was also a member of the Church Schools Company.

He is survived by his second wife, Margaret, his first wife, Estelle, having died in 1977. He had no children.

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MR. TRUMAN'S CAREER

DELIBERATIVE AND PATIENT MIND

When the Democrats at their party convention in Chicago last July rejected Mr. Henry Wallace as their candidate for the Vice-Presidency in the election of 1944 they chose as his successor Mr. Harry Truman, a Senator from Missouri, who was sworn in on Thursday night as the thirty-second President of the United States. Senator Truman was not the most famous of the Democrats who might have been chosen to fight the election at President Roosevelt's side, but he was the most acceptable. He himself did not want the nomination. He had gone to Chicago to support the candidature of Mr. James Byrnes. Now within less than a year of that day of political compromise, Senator Truman is President.

It was said of President Truman that when he was elected a Senator in 1934 he learned to conduct himself inoffensively on the national stage. It was also said of him that next to President Roosevelt he was the civilian who knew most about the war. It is this side of his record—a patient and deliberative mind intent on finding answers to national questions—that gives the chief clue to his character. He has made no spectacular moves in Washington, but he has made many that have been of great value to the country's war effort. Soon after America entered the war he became concerned about waste in production. He wanted to be sure that everything was being done to make America's contribution to the war effort successful, and at his own expense he made many tours of the country's centres of war production. Soon afterwards the Senate War Investigating Committee under his chairmanship was formed.

The "Truman Committee"—as it became widely known—made itself a spur to the Administration, the Army, and the Navy. It watched the question of shortages: it compelled the Navy to abandon the use of obsolete landing ships. Throughout the whole range of American war production it was on the alert, and what it discovered or what it felt should be changed was passed on to President Roosevelt for his guidance and action. To have made this reputation in a Senate Committee was not enough to make President Truman a national figure in the fuller sense; yet he had his following. He became more confident as he saw his work on the committee achieving results.

Harry S. Truman was born on a farm in Missouri in 1884. Here he spent most of the first 33 years of his life. He proved himself a good farmer. He became a major in the war of 1914-18, and then returned to Kansas City at the armistice. After a short period in business he turned to politics. From State politics he entered national politics in 1934 as Senator for Missouri. He supported the New Deal, though in later years he did not hesitate to criticize some of its policies. As the economic depression was overcome he continued quietly and dutifully at his work in Washington. The war changed the whole life of Washington—slowly at first, but none the less surely. President Truman, by his record, shows that he understood the implications of those changes. To-day he is the Chief Executive of his nation as it approaches with its allies the victory for which his predecessor, in the words of a republican, "worked himself to death." From Roosevelt to Truman is a change that the world—and, it is certain, President Truman—had not expected to see. Yet America and the world will have confidence that this quiet man now called to the highest office will serve his country dutifully and loyally.

ON THIS DAY

April 14 1945

President Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945, and was succeeded by the Vice-President of the United States, Harry Truman, who was to surprise both his countrymen and the world at large by his ability to grow in office.

NEWS

Police cut burglar alarm response

■ Police in England and Wales are to stop responding to every burglar alarm call because more than 90 per cent of them prove to be false alarms.

Chief police officers made the unanimous decision at a meeting in London after studying a paper highlighting the need to cut down on timewasting callouts. A charity supporting victims of crime attacked the decision, saying that it would cause worry to vulnerable people.....Page 1

Triple blow for Blair's modernisation

■ Tony Blair's attempt to woo "Middle England" ran into opposition on three fronts as the biggest union opposed changing Clause Four, another union leader urged a £4 minimum wage and the TUC chief attacked Labour policy on failing schools.....Pages 1, 2

Murder link

A woman found battered to death last week may be the wife of a Birmingham man who committed suicide at the weekend, leaving letters telling of a "nightmare" relatives would soon find out about.....Page 1

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Spanish fishermen were putting intense pressure on Felipe González, the Prime Minister, not to make concessions to settle "the fish war" with Canada.....Page 1

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President Mandela said that the South African Government's credibility remained unshaken in spite of a setback over his being forced to reinstatehis estranged wife Winnie as a deputy minister.....Page 9

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■ As Jewish and Christian tourists flock to Jerusalem for the joint Passover and Easter weekend, staff at the Kfar Shaul psychiatric hospital are braced for new victims of "Jerusalem Syndrome," when sufferers can become convinced that they are the Messiah or some other biblical figure or that they have had a direct message from God.....Page 9

PETER TREVINOR



Officer cadets taking part in the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst yesterday. There were 56 women cadets among the 502 on parade. The Queen was represented by General Sir Charles Guthrie, Chief of the General Staff. Details, page 18

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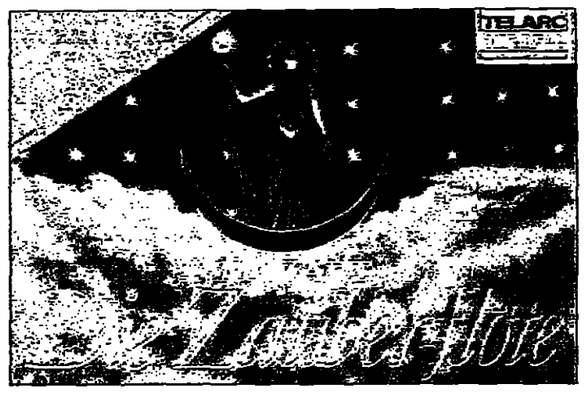
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There was a joy in Roosevelt's embrace of public life.... His joy came in large part from a sense of public endeavour and its possibilities that is increasingly absent from politics now: Roosevelt was truly convinced that government could do good, and he made it so
— The Washington Post

Iraq goes on blaming foreign foes for its sanctions-weakened economy and the deprivations suffered by the Iraqi people. But given the opportunity to improve conditions, Saddam Hussein's regime continues to be its own worst enemy
— Los Angeles Times

Preview: Richard Harris is an ageing escapologist, still up to his tricks even though he is living in a retirement home where the staff distrust him but whom the other residents adore. *The Great Kandinsky* (BBC1, 9.10pm).
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It is no secret that the wise Norwegian people voted against accession to the EU for fear of depredation of their fish. Under this ill-conceived policy, the EU seeks irrationally to reconcile the protection of fish stocks with support for the short-term economic interests of its fishermen. It spends an uncons-cionable $580 million annually on fisheries subsidies.....Page 16

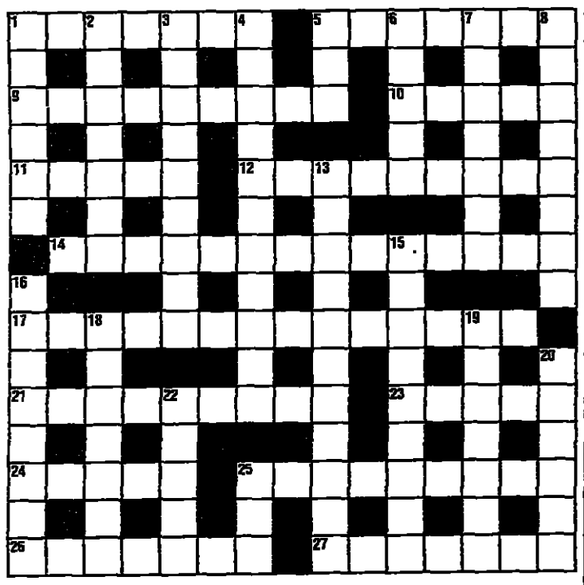
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Dublin 18C (64F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, Shetland 0.06in; highest sunshine: Salcombe, Devon 12.7hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** the extreme north of Scotland, along with the western and northern isles, will have a mainly cloudy day, with a little drizzle now and probably more persistent rain in the evening.

The rest of the United Kingdom is expected to have another dry day. It will be a bright day with a good deal of sunshine in most places.

Temperatures will be well above average nearly everywhere, with fairly light winds.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, SW England, S Wales:** dry, mainly sunny. Wind light north or northeasterly. Fairly warm. Max 14C-17C (57F-63F).

☐ **E, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** dry with plenty of sunshine. Wind light westerly. Warm. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** dry with some sunshine. Wind moderate northeasterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lakes, IoM:** dry, a lot of sunshine. Wind light west or northwesterly. Quite warm. Max 13C-15C (55F-59F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry, sunny at times. Coastal fog patches. Wind light or moderate westerly. Warm. Max 14C-16C (57F-61F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly cloudy. A little drizzle, but more persistent rain in the evening. Wind fresh or strong westerly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook for the weekend:** most places cooler and more cloudy. Mainly dry, a little rain or drizzle in the north and west.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm; b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.8	-	14	57	b	London	11.8	-	15	59	s
Anglesey	8.5	-	13	55	s	Lowestoft	X				
Aspatria	9.6	-	14	57	s	Manchester	12.1	-	15	59	s
Aviemore	6.5	-	15	59	b	Margate	11.2	-	12	54	s
Belfast	7.9	-	13	55	s	Minehead	X				
Birmingham	10.9	-	15	59	s	Morecambe	10.0	-	13	55	s
Bognor R	11.8	-	17	63	s	Newcastle	10.3	-	13	55	s
Bournem'th	11.8	-	17	63	s	Newquay	11.0	-	14	57	s
Bristol	10.9	-	16	61	s	Norwich	12.0	-	14	57	s
Buxton	11.2	-	13	55	c	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	11.7	-	14	57	s	Oxford	12.0	-	15	59	s
Clacton	9.8	-	13	55	s	Penzance	10.6	-	15	59	s
Cleethorpes	13.0	-	10	50	s	Plymouth	12.5	-	17	63	s
Colwyn Bay	10.6	-	11	52	s	Poole	11.2	-	16	61	s
Cromer	11.6	-	11	52	s	Prestatyn	X	-	12	54	s
Doncaster	11.7	-	14	57	s	Ross-o-wye	10.5	-	16	61	s
Edinburgh	11.2	-	17	63	s	Ryde	11.9	-	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	10.2	-	15	59	s	Salcombe	12.7	-	15	59	s
Exmouth	10.6	-	15	59	s	Sandown	11.7	-	15	59	s
Falmouth	X	-	15	59	b	Scarb'gh Snd	10.9	-	16	61	s
Fishguard	11.3	-	10	50	s	Scarboro'	11.4	-	12	54	s
Folkestone	11.6	-	14	57	s	Scilly Isles	12.0	-	14	57	s
Glasgow	10.4	-	16	61	s	Shanklin	11.5	-	16	61	s
Guernsey	X					Shawsbury	9.8	-	13	55	s
Hastings	11.3	-	15	59	s	Skegness	10.2	-	10	50	s
Hayling I	11.7	-	16	61	s	Southend	10.8	-	X	X	s
Herne Bay	9.8	-	12	54	s	Southport	10.8	-	12	54	s
Hove	10.2	-	17	63	s	Southsea	11.6	-	17	63	s
Hunstanton	11.9	-	10	50	s	Stornoway	4.1	-	14	57	c
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	11.5	-	15	59	s
Isle of Man	8.4	-	13	55	s	Teignmouth	12.0	-	16	61	s
Jersey	11.6	-	16	61	s	Tenby	12.6	-	14	57	s
Kinloss	5.9	-	15	59	s	Tiree	8.7	-	12	54	b
Leeds	X					Torquay	11.8	-	17	63	s
Lerwick	1.8	0.01	9	48	d	Tynemouth	X				
Loughars	X					Ventnor	11.6	-	16	61	s
Littlehmptn	11.1	-	16	61	s	Weymouth	12.3	-	15	59	s
Liverpool	9.8	-	12	54	s						

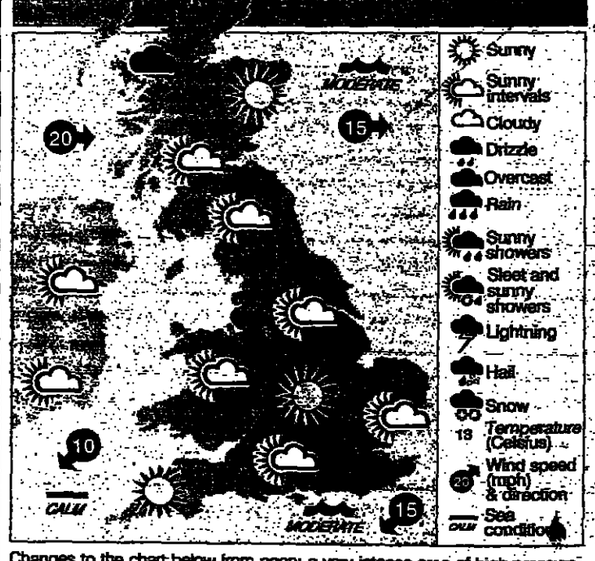
These are Wednesday's figures

ABROAD

Ajaccio	17	63	l	C'phagn	10	50	s	Majorca	20	68	s
Alicnte	17	63	c	Corfu	14	57	f	Malaga	21	70	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Dublin	13	55	s	Malta	17	63	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Malt'me	13	55	c
Amst'dm	11	52	f	Faro	22	72	c	Mexico C	25	77	s
Athens	16	61	c	Florence	18	64	s	Miami	27	81	f
Bahrain	25	82	s	Frankfurt	10	50	c	Milan	18	64	s
Bangkok	35	95	f	Funchal	18	64	c	Montreal	8	46	fg
Barbados	27	81	c	Geneva	12	54	s	Moscow	9	48	s
Barcelona	18	64	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	10	50	f
Beirut	19	66	s	Helsinki	8	46	s	Nairobi	24	75	c
Belgrade	7	45	f	Hong K	25	77	f	Naples	16	61	f
Berlin	6	43	c	Innsbruck	9	48	c	N Delhi	29	84	s
Bermuda	22	72	s	Istanbul	10	50	f	N York	8	46	c
Biarritz	14	57	c	Jeddah	32	86	s	Nice	13	55	f
Bordeaux	16	61	s	Jo'burg	18	64	s	Oslo	10	50	f
Brussels	10	50	c	L Palmas	20	68	s	Paris	13	55	c
Budapest	6	43	r	Le Touq't	11	52	f	Peking	18	64	f
B Aires	19	66	s	Lisbon	21	70	c	Perth	30	86	s
Cairo	31	88	ds	Locarno	19	66	s	Prague	2	36	c
Cape Tn	17	63	s	L Angels	21	70	f	Reykjavik	3	37	c
Chicago	6	43	c	Luxembg	9	48	c	Rhodes	13	55	f
Ch'church	17	63	-	Luxor	33	91	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
Cologne	11	52	l	Madrid	24	75	s	Riyadh	31	88	s

Rome	17	63	s								
Salzburg	8	46	c								
S Frisco	15	59	f								
Santiago	26	77	s								
S Paulo	23	73	f								
Seoul	18	64	s								
Sing'por	32	90	f								
Stckholm	10	50	s								
Strasb'rg	11	52	r								
Sydney	21	70	c								
Tangier	23	73	s								
Tel Aviv	25	77	s								
Tenerife	22	72	f								
Tokyo	17	63	s								
Toronto	12	54	r								
Tunis	20	68	s								
Valencia	25	77	s								
Vanc'ver	8	46	c								
Venice	15	59	s								
Vienna	5	41	sl								
Warsaw	4	39	r								
Washton	18	66	f								
Wellington	18	64	f								
Zurich	11	52	r								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: a very intense area of high pressure, high K, will remain slow-moving as it gradually declines. Low B is expected to fill slowly in situ



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	0:25	6.2f	0:57	7.00	Leith	1:23	5.2s	1:58	5.5b
Aberdeen	0:19	4.0d	0:26	4.2z	Liverpool	10:12	9.8z	10:35	9.4z
Avonmouth	6:03	12.9b	6:32	13.2l	Lowestoft	8:46	2.4l	8:36	2.4b
Belfast	9:52	3.3z	10:20	3.5s	Margate	11:13	4.7b	11:23	4.7f
Cardiff	5:58	11.5b	6:26	11.7b	Milford Haven	5:04	6.6l	5:27	6.9z
Devonport	4:41	5.2g	5:09	5.2g	Newquay	4:00	5.6b	4:21	6.2z
Dover	9:52	6.9s	10:14	6.6b	Oban	4:46	3.8s	5:11	3.8b
Dublin	10:34	4.0b	10:50	3.9g	Penzance	3:36	5.2l	3:59	5.3b
Falmouth	3:56	5.0s	4:18	5.0d	Portland	5:43	1.9g	6:16	2.0d
Glasgow	11:48	4.5s	—	—	Portsmouth	10:17	4.5b	10:42	4.7s
Harwich	10:54	3.9g	11:11	3.9b	Shoreham	10:08	3.0d	10:35	3.2s
Holyhead	2:12	5.5l	2:35	5.5d	Southampton	9:45	4.4s	10:08	4.6b
Hull	9:13	7.0g	9:26	7.4s	Swansea	5:12	9.2b	5:36	9.4z
Ilfracombe	4:53	8.9d	5:18	9.1b	Tees	2:27	5.1g	2:43	5.3d
King's Lynn	5:14	6.3b	5:30	6.6s	Wilton-on-Nze	10:45	4.2z	11:01	4.2s

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Sun rises: 6.08 am — Sun sets: 7.55 pm

London 7.55 pm to 8.08 am.
Bristol 8.07 pm to 8.18 am.
Edinburgh 8.18 pm to 8.09 am.
Manchester 8.07 pm to 8.31 am.
Penzance 8.14 pm to 8.50 am.

Moon sets: 5.26 pm — Moon rises: 6.58 am

Full Moon Tomorrow

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FRIDAY APRIL 14 1995

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

Inflation rate reaches 2½-year high

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE headline rate of inflation rose to its highest for two and a half years in March, but the City remained hopeful that inflation will begin to fall this month thanks to the recent rises in interest rates.

The all-items retail prices index rose 0.4 per cent in March, boosting the annual rate of inflation to 3.5 per cent from 3.4 per cent in February, its highest since October 1992. Underlying inflation — which excludes mortgage interest payments — also edged up, to an annual rate of 2.8 per cent from 2.7 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Bank of England's preferred measure of inflation, which strips out both mortgage interest and indirect taxes, rose to 1.9 per cent from 1.8 per cent, according to figures yesterday from the Central Statistical Office.

March's rise in all three measures of inflation suggests that there were genuine attempts by retailers to raise prices. Household goods prices rose by 1.5 per cent, the largest increase for any March since equivalent records began in 1956.

But there was also an impact from the continuing effect of higher excise duties imposed by the Government. Some analysts are expecting inflation to fall back again in April because the inflationary impact of tax changes in the 1994 Budget will be less than that of the previous one. The Central Statistical Office reckons budget effects alone will take 0.23 per cent off the retail prices index in April. This is partly because the second tranche of VAT on fuel has been scrapped.

The implications of the current pattern of high street prices for interest rate are unclear. Analysts argued that March's slightly higher than expected rise in prices adds marginally to the case for a rise in base rates at the next monetary meeting on May 5.

However, it is higher factory gate prices, which have been rising steadily as manufacturers respond to increased raw materials costs, coupled with sterling's weakness, which provide the main justification for higher base rates.

Richard Brown, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, said that these price rises were inevitable. "The insolvencies we have seen in the retail sector show that wholesalers and retailers can no longer afford to absorb the rise in materials prices as they have been," he said. "Profit margins have been so squeezed over the last year that retailers are now having to pass on those costs."

However, the evidence suggests that consumers remain extremely price sensitive and that retailers are only having modest success in raising prices. Supermarkets, which were waging a fierce competitive war with deep price discounting, are continuing to discount but more selectively.

Yesterday also provided news of a disappointing trade deficit with the rest of the world in January. Although the deficit of £1.14 billion was smaller than the £1.64 billion deficit in December, it was much higher than the City had been expecting.

Analysts had been looking for a shortfall of about £800 million. December's large deficit had been regarded as an aberration because imports had been boosted by art works coming into the country for auction.

☐ US retail sales rose by 0.2 per cent in March after a revised 1 per cent fall in February which had been the largest drop in any month since January, 1994, according to the Commerce Department.

The news bolstered confidence in bond markets because a rise of only 0.2 per cent was interpreted as more evidence that the pace of the US recovery is slowing, easing inflationary pressures.

Blow for builders, page 22



Geoff Haslehurst, finance director, left, and Hugh Blakeway-Webb announced Laura Ashley's results yesterday

Restructure tips Laura Ashley to £30m loss

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE aggressive restructuring programme imposed by the new management at Laura Ashley took its toll on profits as the group plunged deep into the red last year.

The company made a pre-tax loss of £30.6 million in the year to January 28 after absorbing £34.4 million of exceptional charges. This compares with a profit of £3 million during the previous year. The dividend has been passed.

Hugh Blakeway Webb, who stepped up from non-executive to executive chairman after Jim Maxmin was ousted as chief executive last April, said: "This is tough action. It is going to hurt but it is necessary to return Laura Ashley to acceptable levels of profitability."

He said the restructuring measures, most of which were announced in February, were aimed at tackling the group's £44 million of central overheads. Two hundred management and administrative jobs are to go by next year, and up to 40 stores are to close, mainly in the United States. The group's four head offices are also to be scaled back. The actions are expected to save £10 million a year.

The group also announced plans to rationalise its product range. "The purpose is to make sure we revert to our core products and drive up margins," Mr Blakeway Webb said. Ranges such as food, swimwear and furniture are to be scrapped.

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Eaton says Chrysler is not for sale as profits slump

BY SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH AND ERIC REGULY

ROBERT EATON, the chairman of Chrysler, emphasised yesterday that the company is not for sale, but promised to evaluate the $22.8 billion takeover offer from Kirk Kerkorian, the Las Vegas billionaire.

Separately, Chrysler, America's third-largest carmarker, reported a 37 per cent slump in earnings to $592 million, or $1.46 per share, in the first quarter of 1995. Turnover rose slightly to $13.6 billion.

The profits, which were in line with analysts expectations, included a $115 million charge for the recall of its mini-van "people carriers". The company also blamed higher material costs and lower sales in Mexico after the collapse of the peso.

Mr Eaton said: "Obviously, the board did and will consider any offer out there, but we have never been out shopping the company or wanted anyone to believe that there is, or ever will be, a for-sale sign on the front."

Most of Europe's large carmakers, meanwhile, said they had no interest in accepting Mr Kerkorian's invitation to back his bid. Fiat, the Italian vehicle maker that Chrysler courted in the late 1980s, Daimler-Benz, Volvo and Peugeot had been mentioned as the most likely candidates.

Analysts doubt that Mr Kerkorian's bid, at least in its present form, will succeed. Tracinda, the Las Vegas investment company he controls, has offered $55 a share, or 40 per cent more than the Chrysler's trading price on Wednesday. But very little of the financing is in place and no strategic or financial partners have stepped forward.

The speculation is that Mr Kerkorian, who owns about 10 per cent of Chrysler through Tracinda, is frustrated with the recent slide in the Chrysler's share price and wants to trigger a bidding war so he can sell at a substantial profit.

Alternatively, analysts said, his bid may be designed to force Chrysler to buy back the stake at a high price, or pay a special dividend to shareholders. Mr Kerkorian, whose main investment is the MGM Grand Hotel and casino complex, refused to comment on his next move.

Enemy at the door, page 25

Managers launch bid for Dewhurst

BY GEORGE SIVELL

MANAGERS of J H Dewhurst, Britain's largest butchers, are launching a bid for their company after the collapse of Union International, its parent, four weeks ago.

If successful, the bid could preserve more than 1,000 jobs at Dewhurst, the business from which the Vestey family made its vast fortune. It is understood the headcount at Dewhurst stood at 1,500 on the day receivers were called.

Coopers & Lybrand, which is advising the Dewhurst managers, said yesterday that negotiations with the Union International receiver were continuing and that it hoped for a successful outcome. The managers say they have made a bid for most of the assets and trade of Dewhurst.

Roger Reeson, Dewhurst's operations manager, said: "Our bid will secure a future for the majority of shops nationally and preserve more than 1,000 jobs. This bid is good for our customers, good for our suppliers and good for our workforce."

Eugene Lines, the finance director, said: "Our bid represents value for the banking syndicate led by Lloyds and ensures the business is soundly financed and able to invest for the future."

If successful, the managers face a continuing battle on the high streets. At present, the chain of butchers' shops stands at 300, but competition from the big supermarket groups has forced the closure of 450 Dewhurst shops and cost more than 1,000 jobs in the past three years. The supermarkets now have about half the meat market.

However, George Vestey, the marketing director, said: "We believe there is an exciting future for specialist high street retailers. We have a loyal customer base whose preference is to shop on the high street. We offer a high quality product, which represents value for money for the consumer.

"We want to widen the appeal of our stores, offering pre-packaged and convenience products while continuing to provide a high level of personal service."

Union International called receivers in after bankers had threatened to withdraw borrowing facilities unless a receiver was appointed to Dewhurst. But Union believed that it could not continue its strategy with Dewhurst in receivership, even though Union's debts would have then been reduced substantially.

No value was put on the Dewhurst chain last night. In total, the Union International business has been valued in the City at around the £100 million the banks are owed.

Paramount may join Channel 5 bid group

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE consortium, including Richard Branson's Virgin Communications, bidding for the Channel 5 franchise is in talks with Paramount, one of the biggest Hollywood studios, which is interested in joining the group.

The recruitment of Paramount, maker of the Oscar-winning *Forrest Gump* and a string of successful comedy series, would provide a significant source of film and television productions and an operator of a number of TV channels in the US, including the all-music channel MTV.

It would be a coup for the consortium, which as well as Virgin consists of Philips Electronics, the Dutch video recorder manufacturer, HTV, the ITV broadcaster, City investment trust Electra and Associated Newspapers.

Virgin refused to confirm Paramount's possible involvement, although a spokesman said: "Discussions are going on with two or three further parties." Bids for Channel 5 are due at the Independent Broadcasting Commission by May 2. The Virgin consortium is the first to show its hand.

Despondent Tapie puts yacht on the market

BY JON ASHWORTH

BERNARD TAPIE, the disgraced French politician-turned-businessman, has been forced to put his luxury yacht up for sale — days after losing his battle against personal bankruptcy.

The 74-metre *Phocea*, thought to be the largest private sailing yacht currently available, is on the market at Fr70 million with Camper & Nicholsons, the broker that helped sell Robert Maxwell's yacht, *Lady Ghislaine*. The four-masted schooner is moored in the South of France.

The flamboyant tycoon bought *Phocea* in 1980 with a view to using her for luxury cruises and major sailing events around the world. The yacht was totally refitted and overhauled in the mid-Eighties, and went on to spend much of her time in French Polynesia.

The yacht sleeps 20 guests in nine cabins, all with en suite bathrooms, in addition to a master cabin, which comes with its own Jacuzzi, and has direct access to a private office on the main deck. She carries a crew of 14.

Things are not going well for M Tapie. He was arrested in a dawn raid last summer and formally placed under investigation for fraud and tax evasion concerning the *Phocea*. It was alleged that he had run the yacht as a loss-making commercial venture in order to reduce his tax bill. He was subsequently ordered to repay Fr66.7 million to French customs.

Last November a court ordered M Tapie and his wife, Dominique, to pay Fr339 million to Crédit Lyonnais as a first step towards repaying personal debts estimated at Fr1.2 billion. It was speculated that the move would trigger a series of asset sales involving the yacht, a mansion in Paris, and a collection of antiques and paintings. M Tapie was declared bankrupt in December, and lost his appeal against the proceedings late last month.

He shot to prominence in the Eighties with a string of high-profile acquisitions, including that of Adidas, the German sporting goods group. He entered politics, cashing in on his popularity as owner of Marseille football club, but came under increasing pressure in the wake of a match-rigging scandal involving Marseille and Valenciennes, a northern French team. Marseille officials allegedly used backhanders to encourage the rival players "not to play too hard" against them, hence helping them through to the European Cup final with Milan.

M Tapie went on trial in connection with the match-rigging allegations last month, and is currently awaiting the outcome. Judgment is due on May 15. He expressed his anguish during the closing session of court, saying: "I am fed up, finished, ruined. This affair has effectively annihilated me politically and professionally."

Pennington, page 23



Perfectly rigged: Phocea, Bernard Tapie's 73-metre luxury yacht, is for sale at a price of Fr70 million

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3208.8	(−1.0)
Yield	4.25%	
FT-SE A All share	1571.44	(+0.60)
Nikkei	16438.79	(+93.87)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4210.60	(+12.79)*
S&P Composite	508.94	(+1.77)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(6¼%)
Long Bond	103²⁸⁄₃₂*	(103¼)
Yield	7.33%*	(7.35%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6¹⁵⁄₃₂%	(6¹⁷⁄₃₂%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	104³⁄₃₂	(103¹⁴⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6068*	(1.5925)
London:		
$	1.6091	(1.5927)
DM	2.2353	(2.2348)
FFr	7.8040	(7.7930)
SFr	1.8490	(1.8413)
Yen	134.38	(133.32)
£ Index	84.4	(84.3)

$ DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3893*	(1.4010)
FFr	4.8513*	(4.8763)
SFr	1.1485*	(1.1538)
Yen	83.51*	(83.78)
$ Index	88.0	(88.6)

Tokyo close Yen 83.22

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul) $17.50 (n/a)

GOLD

London close $389.15 ($390.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Managers fined

Imro, the regulator for fund management groups, yesterday fined three of its members a total of £95,000 with an extra £48,000 in costs for a series of rule breaches. A fourth firm, Alpine Eagle Investments, which specialised in trading in derivative and hedging instruments, had its membership terminated after the company's two directors left the country. Page 22

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Alco Standard Corporation, the American distribution and services company, has outbid two British rivals in the battle for control of Southern Business Group.

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Recovery in construction 'has lost its drive'

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CONSTRUCTION companies yesterday said that their worst fears about faltering recovery in the building industry were being realised as "very disturbing" survey evidence indicated that the momentum of recovery has been lost.

The gloomy conclusions from the latest state-of-trade report by the building industry are the first in what is likely to be a crucial series of large-scale industrial surveys that are expected to bear heavily on the expected decision by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, to raise interest rates.

Ministers, business leaders and the City will next week study closely the latest survey from the British Chambers of Commerce on the state of business and industry, which will be followed by a quarterly industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, whose price and capacity figures will be seized upon for any signs of inflationary pressure.

The first of the three-monthly surveys, published yesterday by the Building Employers Confederation, was pessimistic about recovery in construction. The BEC said that the momentum for recovery in the industry had been lost, with its slow recovery from recession now looking unlikely to pick up in the near future.

Although output in the industry rose slightly in the first quarter of this year, with a balance of 4 per cent of companies — those recording an increase set against those registering a decline — reporting a rise in output, the building employers pointed out that as many as 70 per cent of companies surveyed saw output as flat.

Half of the companies studied said that their work in hand was at below-average levels, and the proportion of building firms working at full capacity fell again for the third successive quarter, to stand now at 14 per cent, down from 36 per cent in the second quarter of last year.

Construction firms reported "significant" reductions in inquiries for work, with a balance of 6 per cent of companies reporting an increase — down by half on the total for the previous quarter. Work inquiries were particularly down in the public sector.

Paul Shepherd, BEC chairman, said: "These results are very disturbing. The momentum of the construction recovery evident in the first half of last year has been lost. The leading indicators show that the outlook for the industry is worse than it was 12 months ago."

The BEC said that after its last survey, three months ago, it had warned Mr Clarke that recovery in construction was faltering, and urged him not to raise interest rates again, but he had done so. Mr Shepherd said: "Our worst fears have been realised and the continuing threat of further increases is seriously undermining confidence."

The BEC said that housing showed no sign of upturn, and that construction firms were indicating that many of the problems with public sector inquiries stemmed from delays arising from requirements of the Government's Private Finance Initiative on infrastructure projects.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Japan aims to halve trading surplus

THE three parties that form Japan's coalition government have agreed to call for the country's current account surplus to be halved in the next five years to try to defuse tension with its trade partners, primarily with America. The announcement came as the Clinton Administration stepped up the pressure in America's bitter bilateral trade policy dispute with Japan with the news that punitive measures were being drawn up. Washington's "benign neglect" of the dollar, which has sent the yen to a repeated postwar highs in recent weeks, is also widely seen as a policy designed to make Japan alter its trade stance.

An emergency package of economic measures is expected to be unveiled by the Japanese today. A commitment to specific reductions in the trade surplus, would represent Tokyo's acceptance for the first time of a numerical target, something the Americans have demanded for years. Japan's current account surplus was $129 billion last year.

National Savings target

NATIONAL SAVINGS contributed an estimated £3.6 billion to government funding in the financial year just ended. The target for the current year is for the government's savings arm to contribute £2.5 billion towards a Public Sector Borrowing Requirement of £21 billion, considerably lower than the £34 billion for 1994-95. National Savings says it will need sales of between £8.5 billion and £9 billion this year in part to cover the maturing 35th issue of Savings Certificates and the 5th issue of Index-Linked Certificates. The largest contribution to the NS total was made by Premium Bonds, which enjoyed a record year in spite of the National Lottery.

Development pays out

DEVELOPMENT Securities, the property development and investment company, is declaring a dividend after a five-year absence in spite of incurring pre-tax losses of £4.7 million in 1994, compared with profits of £516,000 in 1993. Excluding losses, which included an exceptional charge of £6.7 million, there was a profit of £2 million last year, against losses of £4.5 million previously. Losses were 2p a share (earnings of 1.3p). The value of the property portfolio rose by £70 million after the acquisition of Strategic Property Group. The total dividend is 0.24p a share, with a 0.16p final, due July 3. The shares were unchanged at 14¼p.

New FKI-Wellman deal

FKI and Wellman have reached a new arrangement relating to a deal that the two engineering companies announced last July. They have agreed to reduce by £6 million the purchase price that Wellman will pay to acquire certain FKI businesses. The two companies entered into a conditional agreement for the acquisitions for a total of £46 million. The price was based on the FKI businesses to be acquired having a net asset value of £26.2 million. The companies agreed that the price was to be increased or decreased if there was a surplus or a shortfall in the net asset value of the FKI businesses. FKI and Wellman said they now agreed to a final consideration of £40 million.

JO Walker warning

SHARES of J O Walker fell 90p to 413p after the timber importer said 1994 profits, due mid-May, would be significantly below expectations. The company, which passed the dividend at the interim stage, said internal accounting and cost estimation errors had come to light during a financial review and reorganisation. Measures undertaken by the newly constituted board, whose chairman is Adam Page, include a reorganisation of accounting distribution, stockholding and administration function. The company said these would result in a substantial improvement in trading. In the first three months sales were 8.5 per cent higher than a year earlier.

BB&EA closes Kass

BRITISH Building & Engineering Appliances is withdrawing from general contracting through the closure of Kass Construction, its loss-making contracting company. Kass lost £762,000 in the six months to December 31 and closure costs of about £800,000 will give an overall loss of £1.6 million in the year to June 30. The news follows the closure of GV Williams, BB&EA's stonemasonry business. The company put the total cost of the closures at £2.7 million and said this will affect full-year results and raise gearing to about 40 per cent. The company said it was not certain if the final dividend could be maintained. The shares fell 5p to 120p.

Imro fines three firms and expels a fourth

BY ROBERT MILLER

IMRO, the regulator for fund management groups, yesterday fined three members a total of £95,000 with £48,000 costs for rule breaches. A fourth firm, Alpine Eagle Investments, which specialised in trading in derivative and hedging instruments, had its membership terminated after the company's two directors left the country.

The largest fine of £60,000 was levied on BH Matheson Investment Management (BHMIM), a joint venture between Matheson Financial Holdings, part of the Jardine Matheson group, and Binder Hamlyn, the accountants. BHMIM was ordered to pay £32,000 costs.

Imro charged the company for rule breaches relating to client money accounts, customers' asset reconciliations and compliance arrangements. Imro found that BHMIM had allowed some client accounts to become overdrawn between January and November 1993 and had failed to carry out reconciliations on some accounts within ten business days. The company also failed to distribute dividends with a value of £262.214 within ten days and did not bank a client's cheque for £5,469.52 until four weeks after receiving it. Imro also charged that BHMIM misplaced 123 copies of customer agreements and was unaware of this for eight months.

Paul Martin, group compliance officer of Matheson & Co. said: "Any rule breach is serious but we are not happy with the fine compared with other recent Imro cases and in particular for these rule breaches. For example, the misplaced customer agreements looks terrible but it was simply that they were left in a packing case when we moved offices."

The second largest fine of £30,000 with £13,000 costs was imposed on Century Unit Trusts, which was found to have failed in its compliance arrangements and to have breached client money regulations. The company admitted that in March 1993 it had received distribution cheques for its UK General Trust and did not pay them into a client bank account until December 31 1993, even though it should have done so by the next business day. The unit trust group paid compensation of £8,400 for losses suffered by investors. John Deane, a Century unit trust director, said: "We are disappointed that after we spotted the errors ourselves and then reported them to Imro that we have still been fined."

Alpine Eagle had its membership terminated after it was found that the firm had failed to disclose that a customer account was held in the name of a person related to the company. Its business was to manage client funds using hedging techniques and arbitrage strategies, to take advantage of Japanese stock market volatility. Alpine Eagle was wholly owned by Randolph Stephen Bronte and Ms Kyoko Taguchi Bronte, who have left the UK. It is understood that Imro has passed the relevant information to the Japanese authorities as part of cross-border co-operation between regulators.

The smallest fine was imposed on Columbus Asset Management of London. It was ordered to pay £5,000 and £3,000 costs for allowing a client account to become "significantly" overdrawn.



Ken Miller, chief executive, expects to see benefits after restructuring Hunting's aviation and defence divisions

Hollywood's star wanes for Japan's Pioneer

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S Pioneer Electronic Corp is to write off $90 million in losses from its Hollywood investment in Carolco Pictures and LIVE entertainment, a software marketing firm.

Pioneer has become the latest victim of Japan's "bubble economy" bonanza of the early 1990s, when the consumer electronics industry launched a reckless Hollywood spending spree.

Major Japanese investors, in a style similar to their initial stampede into Hollywood, now appear to be staging a mass withdrawal.

On Monday Matsushita Electric Industrial announced the sale of 80 per cent of its holding in MCA, the US entertainment giant, to Seagram, the Canadian distiller, for $5.7 billion.

Sony Corp, the glamour company which spearheaded Japan's invasion of the US entertainment industry, recently launched a radical overhaul of its Hollywood studio operations.

Electronics analysts see the heavy losses sustained by major investors in Hollywood such as Matsushita and Sony as largely due to a long-running clash of corporate cultures, management styles, and — in many cases — heavy handed naivety on the part of the Japanese parent companies. Pioneer's case was a matter of misjudgement, say analysts.

The Japanese firm remained a passive investor after acquiring 41.2 per cent of Carolco in 1990, when the studio was churning out hit pictures such as *Basic Instinct* and *Terminator 2*.

Toshiba Corp retains a small stake alongside Itochu, a trading house, in a Time Warner entertainment subsidiary for cable television operation.

The next phase for Japanese consumer electronics giants overseas is likely to see diversification, particularly in the multimedia field in America.

Hunting hit by aviation and oil markets

BY SARAH BAGNALL

HUNTING, the aviation, defence and oil group, saw profits slide last year as tough trading conditions in the aviation markets and depressed activity in oil markets continued to take their toll.

Pre-tax profits fell £3.2 million to £31.7 million in the year to December 31 on turnover slightly ahead at £1.1 billion. The 1993 profit was struck after reorganisation costs of £5.8 million and losses on discontinued operations of £2.5 million.

Hunting has restructured its aviation and defence divisions in response to the changes within each sector. Ken Miller, Hunting's chief executive, said: "In 1995, we expect to start realising the benefits of these changes."

Progress is expected in the aviation division, the defence division has a satisfactory order position while the oil division is expected to resume its growth pattern.

The aviation division saw operating profits slump from £5 million to £1.8 million, principally because of the recession in the industry. Defence profits advanced £400,000 to £15 million while oil profits fell from £17.8 million to £16.4 million.

Hunting is paying a final dividend of 6p, making an unchanged total of 10p, due on July 3. Earnings per share were 10.7p a share (13.6p).

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Phoenix Inns refinanced



Sheppard: "latest step"

BY GEORGE SIVELL

GRAND Metropolitan said yesterday that it would eliminate its refinancing obligations to Phoenix Inns, the pub company set up by Morgan Grenfell to buy pubs from Inntrepreneur, the pub company jointly owned by GrandMet and Courage.

Phoenix Inns revealed a sale and refinancing by Nomura, which would result in majority control of Phoenix passing to a newly formed company. The estate of 1,760 pubs will continue to be managed by Phoenix Inns Management under Dick Hayes, its chief executive. Mr Hayes said yesterday: "The agreement in principle for a sale and refinancing is a positive step and reflects the good quality of our pub portfolio. It will be a case of business as usual as far as licensees are concerned." The transactions are expected to be completed by the end of May.

Lord Sheppard, GrandMet chairman, said: "The refinancing of Phoenix Inns, which on completion will eleminate GrandMet's obligations in terms of refinancing, is the latest step in GrandMet's efforts to realise optimum shareholder value in relation to Inntrepreneur."

Crucial court date for Alcatel chief

A PARIS court will effectively decide today the future of Pierre Suard, the chairman of Alcatel Alsthom, the French industrial group.

Jean-Marie D'Huy, the investigating magistrate probing alleged corporate overbilling and payments for work at M Suard's home, last month banned the industrialist from running Alcatel pending a formal investigation.

If the appeal court upholds the ban, the Alcatel board is expected to ask M. Suard to step down after Easter. Mark Vienot, chairman of Société Générale, is tipped to stand in.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE SALES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.09
Austria Sch	18.70	15.20
Belgium Fr	48.85	44.55
Canada $	2.298	2.136
Cyprus Cyp£	0.748	0.693
Denmark Kr	9.37	8.57
Finland Mrk	7.43	6.78
France Fr	8.22	7.57
Germany Dm	2.39	2.19
Greece Dr	379.00	354.00
Hong Kong $	12.95	11.95
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2340	4.4840
Italy Lira	2845.00	2690.00
Japan Yen	147.00	131.00
Malta	0.599	0.544
Netherlds Gld	2.651	2.421
Norway Kr	10.58	9.78
Portugal Esc	246.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.32
Spain Pta	205.00	192.00
Sweden Kr	12.31	11.51
Switzerland Fr	1.97	1.79
Turkey Lira	refer	85404.0
USA $	1.689	1.559

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NEC and Motorola pump in cash

France sells Bull stakes

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE French Government is selling a substantial stake in Bull. France's leading computer maker, to NEC of Japan and Motorola of America after being ordered by the European Commission to cut its holding to a minority by the end of the year.

The NEC and Motorola stakes will be built through capital increases that will inject an initial Frl billion in cash into the long-troubled Bull by September.

The Government has accepted applications from NEC and Motorola to take part in the first stage of its international tender for Bull. A second round will involve companies seeking stakes under 10 per cent, leading to full privatisation.

NEC, the French company's main-frame partner, which already holds 3.74 per cent of Bull, will raise its stake to 17 per cent, matching that of France Télécom, the state telecommunications group also being groomed for privatisation.

Motorola's initial holding will be at least 10 per cent, with an option to increase it to 17 per cent by mid-1997. Bull and Motorola are co-operating on application of the PowerPC microchip, developed to challenge the world leader, Intel. Dai Nippon Printing and Singapore's IPC have offered to take stakes of 3 to 4 per cent.

The state's direct holdings in Bull, plus France Télécom's stake, amount to 93.9 per cent. The offers now accepted give the private sector 43 per cent.

IBM, the US computer group, said it had decided to hold its Bull stake at 1.78 per cent, but was keeping its options open on increasing it.

After a government search for international partners, NEC and Motorola proved the only companies ready to take what Paris saw as suitable stakes.

France Télécom, under a "contract plan" signed with the Government yesterday, must halve its Fr95 billion debt, invest Frl32 billion in technology over four years, and cut charges.

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N.B. The liquidation of this company is part of a group re-organisation and this notice is purely formal to comply with the statutory regulations.
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Names of administrative receivers: Peter Norman Spratt; Michael David Gordon
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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DATED this 13 day of April 1995
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Solicitor for the above-named Company

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☐ French *dirigisme* has its limits ☐ PFI delays are contributing to downturn ☐ Tapie joins the all-at-sea club

Reality meets Bull

☐ MACHINES BULL exemplifies the best and the worst of France's industrial policy. Its taxpayers have doggedly suffered huge losses — roughly £2,800 million over the past five years alone — and kept investing in the dream of a world-class French computer champion. To a limited extent they have achieved that ambition from unpromising beginnings and against the odds of American and Japanese dominance. Sales run at £5.6 billion worldwide and Bull has a presence in many key parts of the computer market. It still employs nearly 28,000 people in high-technology manufacturing and services after the latest round of cuts.

After all that effort, however, Bull is still not capable of standing on its own two hind feet. Jean-Marie Descarpentries, the chairman, and less-than-heroic veteran of CarnaudMetal Box, has forecast a rare net profit in 1995. But when the European Commission demanded that the state privatise Bull, to prove that the latest huge state subsidy really was the last, it was swiftly clear that this meant bringing in more successful partners.

Even so, France is doing it the French way. Had it offered Bull for sale, there might have been more interest. AT&T, which would have liked to take over, was warned off by being refused a future telecoms licence. Instead, the French Government has sought competing and balancing minority investors, primarily among companies that already find it useful to have technical partnerships with Bull inside the European Union. The aim is to keep Bull independent and under French control, even if most shares end up being held by foreigners.

This strategy might work, with a privatised France Telecom eventually deciding control. The effect may still may be no better than the opposite British approach. Control of ICL was sold to Fujitsu because British investors could not be bothered to put up risk money for research, even though ICL was reasonably and consistently profitable. Nowadays, ICL employs around 20,000 and is much more successful than Bull. It does not obviously contribute less to Britain by being under Japanese financial and technical control. Only the *gloire* is lacking.

Builders losing the initiative

☐ BUILDERS are like farmers — nothing is ever quite right for them. It is either too dry or too rainy; the building industry is either starved of orders or is overheating and ravaged with



skills shortages. But the latest trade survey from the Building Employers Confederation, while easily as gloomy as the past 99, contains an element of clear truth, and not only because it repeats in anecdotal form a fact made plain from hard Department of the Environment figures two days previously.

The builders say that the first quarter of this year showed a sharp, 41 per cent downturn by one measure in the public non-housing sector, which covers roads and other infrastructure — in other words, just the sort of jobs that should be covered by the Government's much-vaunted Private Finance Initiative.

The DoE figures show that infrastructure orders in the three months December to February fell year-on-year by 45 per cent. The comparison only makes explicit a complaint that has come from the majority of the buildings and building materials producers over the recent reporting season, that their workload fell off a cliff just after the Government last beefed up its PFI policy last autumn.

The implication is that the Government turned off the tap. The BEC claims its members say delays arising from the PFI are a contributory factor. The logistics are obviously stacked against private finance, in that any scheme that needs capital as well will take longer. If the PFI takes off, the log jam will be temporary. That is a big if, and there are a few cash-strapped contractors who may not ride out the delay.

Abandon yacht, ye captains of industry

☐ THE curse of the luxury yacht, a virulent voodoo among the rich and famous, has struck again. Poor old Bernard Tapie has been forced to sell up his beloved *Phocea*, to repay a small matter of 67 million francs to the French customs.

He is but the latest in a procession of high-flying financiers who were suddenly sunk after they heard the call of the ocean wild. Gerald Ronson saw his vessel sail off to the highest bidder when he hit hard times. Alan Bond must regret the day he won the America's Cup for his country; it was the start of a long and painful decline.

The luxury yacht is a potent warning to investors to stay away. Just as fountains in lobbies, executive jets and company helicopters are signs that something is going wrong inside a company, the fact that a businessman owns a £10 million yacht should give the world a hint that he is doing rather better than are his shareholders.

However, unlike other symbols, the luxury yacht can become the very agent of its owner's doom. Tapie's legal difficulties stemmed from allegation that he ran the yacht as a loss-making business to lighten his tax load. For Robert Maxwell, *Lady Ghislaine* was the last stop to a watery grave in the Atlantic. There is only one lesson in these cautionary tales. Company chiefs should keep their feet firmly on the ground.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Uniting over Erskine for a market assault. David McErlain, of SBG, and Ian Crabb, Alco UK's managing director

Alco outbids British rivals in SBG battle

By Martin Barrow

ALCO Standard Corporation, the American distribution and services company, has outbid two British rivals in the battle for control of Southern Business Group, the supplier of photocopier and vending machines.

Alco's £81.1 million bid for SBG prompted Berkeley Business Group to withdraw from the fray, and a third suitor, Danka Business Systems, is expected to follow suit.

Alco, whose offer is worth 84p a share in cash, proposes to merge SBG with its Erskine House operation, based around another British supplier of office equipment that was acquired in 1993. The terms are endorsed by the SBG board and irrevocable undertakings have been received in respect of interests held by trusts, amounting to 13.93 per cent of the company's ordinary shares.

The offer represents a premium of 20 per cent over the 70p a share cash offer from Danka, announced on March 24, and is 21 per cent above Berkeley's offer of cash and shares. It also represents a premium of 62 per cent over the middle market price of SBG shares on February 15, the last dealing day before abnormal share price movements obliged SBG to reveal that the board was in discussions that might lead to an offer for the company.

Berkeley, the company headed by Alan Baldwin, said it was allowing its offer to lapse, having secured acceptances in respect of only 22.7 per cent by the second closing date. Berkeley shares rose 7p to 56p in response.

Erskine House, whose turnover has increased by 30 per cent since the takeover, and SBG will operate as independent companies. Alco said organic growth at SBG would take place as rapidly as possible as it sought to increase its share of the market, particularly in the South East.

John Stuart, Alco's president and chief executive, said Southern "will be an excellent strategic fit with our UK business and we expect it to grow significantly along with our existing operations."

SBG, whose chief executive is David McErlain, suffered a decline in taxable profits to 2 million in 1994 from £12.2 million on turnover of £53.5 million, compared with £57.7 million previously. Shareholders' funds at the end of September 1994 were £62.7 million. The company is a leading regional supplier of Canon photocopiers.

Under Alco's ownership, Erskine has grown through the acquisition of Aztec (South West) last August and Britannia Office Equipment earlier this month. Combined revenues of the group are expected to exceed £65 million in the current year.

Group profits at Alco have risen to $274 million before tax in 1994 from $200 million in 1993 and $173 million in 1992.

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Power firm rebuked for early bills

By Martin Waller

THE electricity industry regulator, Stephen Littlechild, has administered a sharp rap over the knuckles for the biggest of the 12 regional electricity companies for charging its customers for power they had yet to receive.

The news that Eastern Group, which serves the East Anglia area and has 3 million customers, had decided to create a "free week" to cope with a temporary reprogramming of its head office computers by sending out bills early caused a storm when it broke earlier this year.

Professor Littlechild said the bills were not in accordance with the company's obligations, and he emphasised that it should not profit from the affair. Eastern has now agreed to ensure that customers who received their bills early will be billed late in the current quarter, to cancel out any additional cost to them. Eastern said it had not sought to profit from the early bills.

BP's chairman defends executive reward scheme

By Carl Mortished

LORD ASHBURTON, chairman of BP, defended the oil company's executive pay arrangements at its annual meeting yesterday. Shareholders were told that the company had scrapped executive share options in favour of a three-year rolling performance plan in which senior managers would personally pay for a proportion of the shares allocated under the plan.

BP's Long-Term Performance Plan, available to 80 senior managers, including board directors, awards notional amounts of shares to participants, but the stock is received only if the company achieves targets based on a ranking of BP's performance measured against other top international oil companies.

The chairman said: "It requires a significant up-front commitment from senior staff."

BP retains executive share options for middle managers and it issued 26.7 million shares to employees last year under various option schemes. This contrasts with the rival oil company Shell, which does not issue new shares under its employee share schemes. Shell's 1994 accounts indicate that, at the end of last year, it was holding stock costing £46 million in respect of employee share schemes. Lack of disclosure of the full cost to shareholders of issuing new stock to employees has been criticised by accountancy experts.

David Simon, BP chief executive and a member of the Greenbury Committee on executive pay, told shareholders that the company had cut its debts by $6 billion over 2½ years. "Within the next two years, we shall aim to cut it by a further $2 billion and then I shall be confident that it has reached a more satisfactory and competitive level," he said.

BP aimed to cut debt to $8 billion over two years, he said.

Under BP's new performance plan, executives, when granted shares, must hold them for three years before disposal.

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Directors quit over airport deal

By Our City Staff

NATIONAL EXPRESS has bought a long leasehold on Bournemouth Airport for £7.2 million. But hours before the deal all six of the airport's non-executive directors resigned from the board, claiming that the council-owned asset was undervalued by £5 million.

Quitting the board, Rob Wotton, the chairman, said: "We did not want to sell the airport short, so we all resigned."

However, the airport joint shareholders' chairman John Lofts said National Express, which also owns East Midlands Airport, paid a fair price for the 999-year lease which reflected the market value.

He said: "The value of the airport is £7.2 million. It went out to international tender and competitive bidding and was sold to the best bid."

The freehold will be retained by the joint owners Bournemouth and Dorset councils and one condition of the lease is that it should be retained as an operational airport.

Gaumont cinemas for Disney site

By Martin Barrow

EURO DISNEY has teamed up with Gaumont, France's oldest cinema company, to open a multi-screen complex at the entrance to the Paris theme park by the end of next year. The costs, details of which were not disclosed, will be borne entirely by Gaumont.

The multiplex will initially consist of eight theatres with a capacity of more than 2,000. It will boast a giant screen similar to Gaumont's new Grand Ecran at the Place d'Italie in Paris, with seating for 700 people.

Euro Disney said that the cinema, to be built beside the inter-urban train station serving its theme park, 20 miles east of Paris, would be a welcome new attraction for visitors. The company has been hit by relentless losses since its park opened in 1992 as a result of disappointing attendance figures.

Gaumont and Walt Disney, Euro Disney's parent, already co-operate in the distribution of their respective films in France. Created in 1993, their Gaumont Vista International venture scored in 1993 with the French feature film *Les Visiteurs* and last year had success with the animated feature film *The Lion King*. Gaumont has 250 cinemas in France.

Tax charges cut NatWest profits surge in America

By Patricia Tehan

NATWEST Bancorp, NatWest's US subsidiary, lifted its pre-tax profits by 47 per cent in the first quarter of the year to $102.4 million. Net profits fell by 11.3 per cent to $55.5 million, however, as the bank has used up tax benefits that have flattered profits in the past three years.

The federal tax provision for the first quarter of this year was $38.7 million, compared with zero in the same period last year.

The figures include the first-time contribution of Citizens First Bancorp, which NatWest Bancorp acquired last October, and Central Jersey Bancorp, which it bought in January.

There is also a $10 million charge for the cost of cutting 500 jobs, or 5.8 per cent of its workforce, and a $10 million charge for restructuring NatWest Services, the bank's servicing centre in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

☐ HSBC's US arm, Marine Midland Bank, is to pay $9.3 million for United Northern Federal Savings Bank, the New York residential lender and savings bank founded in 1887. United Northern has about $85 million in assets and two branches, in Watertown and Lowville, New York state.

The branches will be taken over by Marine Midland and its mortgage lending and services business will be managed by Marine Midland's Spectrum Home Mortgage division.

Jim Cleave, Marine Midland's president and chief executive, said the acquisition would expand the bank's activities, particularly mortgage lending, in northern New York.

Granada buys Pavilion



Robinson: logical expansion

PAVILION Services is to be bought for £125 million by Granada Group, Gerry Robinson's TV-to-catering business (Martin Waller writes).

Pavilion, the former vehicle of Michael Guthrie and operator of nine roadside service stations, abandoned plans for a market flotation earlier this year and put itself on the market. Mr Guthrie, the former boss of Mecca Leisure, stood down at Pavilion last month to concentrate on his BrightReasons pizza and pasta restaurants group.

Granada, owner of two independent TV franchises, has about 30 service stations of its own and has made no secret of its wish to expand. The group is paying £76.3 million in cash, coming out of existing banking facilities, and assuming debt of £48.7 million.

Mr Robinson, the chief executive, said Pavilion was an immediate logical expansion and a good fit with Granada's existing business. In the latest financial year, Pavilion made operating profits of £10.2 million on sales of £122 million. Net assets were £46 million.

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STOCK MARKET  PHILIP PANGALOS

Electricity companies cast light on the gloom

THE electricity sector was a rare bright spot on an otherwise dull day as most investors remained on the sidelines on one of the quietest days of the year.

Among those shining, with help from broker recommendations, **London** added 16p to 631p, **Manweb** 16p to 686p, **Midlands** 14p to 639p, **Norweb** 11p to 643p, **South West** 10p to 665p, and **Yorkshire**, additionally boosted by renewed speculation of a Hanson bid, rose 14p to 658p. **Hanson** firmed ¼p to 241¾p. Among the generators, **National Power** surged 8p to 438p, while **PowerGen** gained 6p to 473p.

Equities, however, drifted in a narrow range for most of the day after a higher than expected rise in inflation saw market-makers go on the defensive.

A mildly positive start on Wall Street after weaker-than-expected US retail sales figures helped bolster sentiment in late London trading. The FT-SE 100 index ended the day down 1 at 3,208.8. Volume struggled to reach a mere 409.4 million shares.

There were few real features, with the few pockets of activity largely reflecting company trading statements or broker recommendations.

Southern Business Group, the office equipment and photocopier distributor that was being bid for by three different companies, advanced 8p to 86p after Alco Standard Corporation of the US trumped rival offers from Danka Business Systems and Berkeley Business Group. Alco outbid the other two with an agreed £81.1 million cash offer, worth 84p a share.

The market seems unsure whether a still higher offer for SBG may emerge, though the prospect seems unlikely. **Danka Business Systems**, which last month made a 70p a share cash offer for SBG, fell 11p to 404p, while **Berkeley**, which originally made a cash and paper bid for SBG in February, rose 7p to 56p as it let its offer lapse after it received acceptances of just 22.7 per cent of SBG's share capital by yesterday's second closing date.

Bid speculation continued to swirl round the merchant banking sector, helping to lift **Schroders** 33p to £16.28, **Kleinwort Benson** 3p to 644p and **SG Warburg** 1p to 746p.

Rolls-Royce advanced 5p to 170½p on news that the prestige engineering group is to get a £30 million share of a £90 million aero engine order for its International Aero Engines joint venture. The order is from Aero Lloyd, the German charter airline, which has ordered up to 22 Airbus A320 aircraft.

RJB Mining rose 23p to 406p, after announcing plans to expand following increased demand for coal.

On the results front, **Laura Ashley** eased 1p to 68p after the fabrics to fashion group passed its nominal dividend after sliding into the red with a provision-driven full year pre-tax loss of £30.6 million (£3 million profit).

Pearson softened 6p to 558p, with reports that Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, had downgraded its current year profits forecast from £300 million to £279 million.

Cable and Wireless rose 11p to 422p after James Capel and Credit Lyonnais Laing made positive noises, recommending the shares as a buy. However, **Vodafone** slipped 4p to 188½p, with reports that ABN-Ambro Hoare Govett remained cautious on the stock after a conference on cellular phones, prefering **BT**, up 1½p to 390p.

Hoare Govett also recommended **Churchill China**, the ceramic tableware company, though the shares ended unchanged at 310p.

Kingfisher added 7p to 451p, helped by a Goldman Sachs recommendation.

Eurotunnel continued to recover its recent heavy falls, with shares in the debt-laden Channel Tunnel operator climbing 15p to 203p, for a two-day gain of 17p.

But **Forte** continued to slide, losing 8p to 228p, for a two-day deficit of 12p, after overnight selling and bearish noises from BZW and NatWest Securities, which was said to be advising clients to reduce their holdings after Wednesday's results. A stock overhang saw **Lloyds** slip 4p to 625p, while **TSB** fell 4p to 242p.

Shares in **J O Walker**, the timber and plywood group, dived 80p to 423p after the new management team gave warning that certain internal accounting and cost estimation errors will see full-year profits fall below market expectations. The 1994 results are due in mid-May. The board said that sales for the first three months of the new year were 8.5 per cent higher than for the same period last year.

In contrast, **Brown & Tawse**, the steel and industrial products group, jumped 6p to 39p after it said it was in talks for a "substantial acquisition". The group said the acquisition would significantly enhance its future prospects and allow it to recommence dividend payments.

But USM-quoted **Faupel Trading** slid 6p to 52p after a bed and breakfast deal at about 40p a share.

There was a healthy premium for a host of companies making their debut. **Rainford** was the star of the newcommers, ending at 305p, giving a strong first day premium over the 270p issue price. **Precoat Products**, the pre-coated steel processor, closed at a 3p premium to 128p, against its 125p placing price, while **Coral Products**, which makes video cassette boxes and household products, ended its first day at 63p, giving a 3p premium over the 60p placing price.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts were squeezed higher in thin conditions, with little impact from the latest RPI figures. The June long gilt future ended 15 ticks higher at £104⁹/₃₂, on quiet volume of 29,000 contracts traded. Among conventional stocks, there were gains of up to £½ for longer-dated issues, while index-linked added a few ticks.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street were able to make early headway in morning trading, buoyed by a firm bond market. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 12.79 points at 4,210.60.



A £90m aero engine deal lifted shares in Rolls-Royce

Bloomsbury, the book publisher, held steady at 100p in spite of a buy recommendation from Beeson Gregory, the company's broker, after Wednesday's results. Beeson is bullish longer term prospects in spite of trimming its current year pre-tax profit forecast from £1.17 million to £1 million.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
Eurotunnel	203p	-39p	Warning on debts, losses
BICC	315p	-15p	Profits warning
AAH	442p	+5p	Increased offer from Gehe
United Biscuits	342p	+8p	Renewed bid speculation
Moss Bros	393p	+44p	Better-than-expected results
Heywood Williams	252p	-8p	Downbeat trading statement
Vision Group	153p	+56p	New issue at 97p
Capita Group	154p	+11p	Upbeat statement, broker buy
Tottenham Hotspur	141p	-23p	Knocked out of FA Cup

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 4210.60 (+12.79)
S&P Composite 508.94 (+1.77)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 16438.79 (+93.87)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 8661.99 (+152.30)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 406.59 (+1.65)

Sydney:
AO 2020.7 (+9.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1986.45 (-2.02)

Singapore:
Straits 2071.42 (+8.92)

Brussels:
General 7168.84 (+27.96)

Paris:
CAC-40 1881.14 (+9.21)

Zurich:
SKA Gen Closed

London:

FT 30	2446.7 (-0.8)
FT 100	3208.8 (-1.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	3500.8 (+7.7)
FT-SE-A 350	1592.4 (+0.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1261.68 (-0.09)
FT A All-Share	1571.44 (+0.60)
FT Non Financials	1692.21 (+1.17)
FT Fixed Interest	110.91 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs	92.31 (+0.10)
Bargains	21064
SEAQ Volume	454.6m
USM (Datastrm)	150.74 (+0.47)
US$	1.6050 (+0.0168)
German Mark	2.2289 (-0.0017)
Exchange Index	84.4 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2030
£:SDR	1.0156
RPI	147.5 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	172	+2
Beale	171	...
Biocompatibles (170)	171	...
Brit Aerospace Uts	150	-8
Coral Products (60)	63	...
Dallywin (128)	130	...
Datrontech (130)	155	+2
Expro Int (175)	174	...
For & Col Spec Uts (100)	100	...
Geared Inc Inv C (100)	99	...
Natl Power (p/p) (476)	172½	+7½
PTS Group (90)	92	...
PowerGen (P/P) (512)	184	+2
Precoat Int (125)	128	...
Rainford (270)	307	...
Schroder Inc Grth	535	+2
Scot Oriental Smlr (100)	98	...
Superframe Wts	5	...
Vision Group (97)	153	-3

RIGHTS ISSUES

Arcon Int'l n/p (1r20p)	¼	...
Guinness Peat n/p (20)	5	...
Inspec Group n/p (175)	37	...
TBI n/p (35)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Cater Allen	473p (+12p)
JD Wetherspoon	481p (+20p)
Cable Wireless	422p (+11p)
Sothebys	813p (+58p)
ADT	730p (+10p)
Kwik Save	575p (+16p)
Berkeley Bus	56p (+7p)
Kingfisher	451p (+7p)

FALLS:

Abbey National	462p (-12½p)
Danka Bus Systems	404p (-11p)
Forte	228p (-8p)
Glaxo	713p (-8p)
Securicor 'A'	916p (-8p)

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Passing the plate

TRADITIONALLY, the Easter Sunday collection went directly to the vicar, rather than to the Church generally, and parishioners could demonstrate their appreciation of his ministry by placing a large note in the collection plate on that day. BP missed an opportunity to adopt such a worthy practice at its annual meeting yesterday when Lord Ashburton, BP's chairman, delivered a lengthy sermon on the difficult matter of executive remuneration.

Instead of passing the plate at the AGM, BP rewards its senior management through a long-term performance plan. Directors are awarded options over shares if BP meets three-year performance targets based on its ranking within the Seven Sisters of the international oil industry. The scheme is more demanding than normal executive options because the grant is dependent on performance and the shares must then be held for a period before cashing in. Even better, directors must stake their own money: participation is dependent on directors buying shares worth a tenth of their potential grant. No pain, no gain.

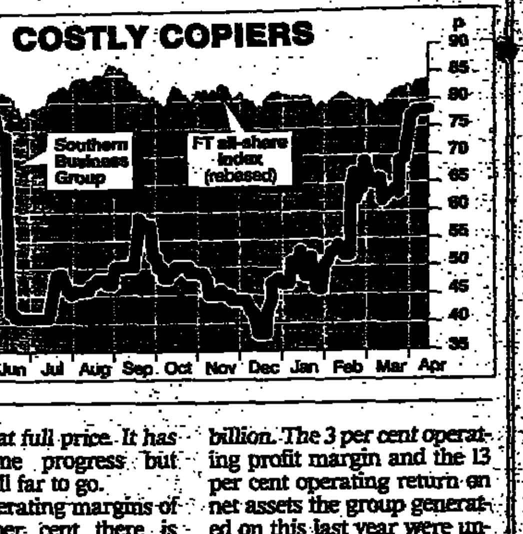
For investors, however, there is a problem of principle here that is still not being addressed. Directors are employees, not owners. Why should executive achievement, even extraordinary success, be awarded with a free issue of capital? Executive pay is a cost that shareholders must bear. Like any other cost, it needs careful management rather than a quick tweak to the balance sheet. With BP's concern for costs and capital management, it could do worse than follow Shell's example. The company does not issue new shares to directors. It buys them in the market for cash.

Southern Business

FOR the directors of Southern Business Group, Christmas was late, but it has turned out to be well worth the four months delay. Back in January, prospects were bleak: the board had been mauled by the previous year's OFT investigation into photocopier contracts which cost SBG £3 million as agreements with customers were redrawn. With a flat outlook for earnings, only talks with potential bidders offered any hope for shareholders and the directors, who together own 8 per cent.

In the event, SBG has been blessed with three bids. At each twist the management has recommended a higher offer and pledged its shares to the bidder. However, the board's previous commitments to sell contained a get out in the event of a higher offer, allowing SBG to desert Berkeley Business Systems' 69p cash and share offer in favour of Danka's 70p cash offer. Today, SBG has twisted again and recommended Alco Standard's 84p cash bid, but this time there is no escape. For such a price, Alco has demanded a commitment from the board for its 8 per cent and a further 14 per cent from trustees, providing Alco with a profitable exit if its bid is trumped.

That seems unlikely. Alco is paying a full price for doubling its UK market share: the bid is worth 16 times SBG's likely earnings this year, a substantial premium to the market.



Laura Ashley

SUCCESSIVE managements have tried to turn Laura Ashley round. The latest incumbents have run up a £30.6 million loss in their attempts to succeed where others have failed. But at least they seem to be making a better job of attacking costs than some of their predecessors.

They have rightly identified that a business with annual sales of £322 million can ill afford to carry central overheads of £44 million. That ratio, currently at 14 per cent, needs to come down to the 10 per cent or so that other retailers achieve. Taking out 200 administrative jobs and scaling back its numerous headquarters is a sensible step in that direction.

It is not just overheads that are depressing operating margins. The group still has much to do to reduce the level of markdowns in the US. At its worst point, the group was selling only 30 per cent of its garments at full price. It has made some progress but there is still far to go.

With operating margins of just 1.3 per cent there is clearly scope for improvement. Next's retail stores produce margins of almost 13 per cent. But much of Next's success has been driven by a strong sales trend. The current Laura Ashley management is paying little attention to the top line or the brand. Given that, the shares, which are on a prospective p/e of 24 times, look more than fully valued.

Hunting

TRY as it might, Hunting cannot seem to shake off its troubles. At the heart of the group there are a range of useful defence and aviation businesses. But try as it might, the group seems unable to wring a satisfactory performance out of them.

It is worth remembering that Hunting is a sizeable company, with sales of £1.1 billion. The 3 per cent operating profit margin and the 13 per cent operating return on net assets the group generated on this last year were unacceptable by any standard.

The aviation industry is still stuck in recession, and Hunting is not helped by the fact that its other two businesses are defence and oil services which have their own troubles. The group has no high margin medical business to fall back on like Smiths Industries.

Nevertheless it is deeply unimpressive that the underlying operating profits fell 11 per cent in a year when the group was promising restructuring. Even the group's dividend cover is beginning to look thin at 1.5 times, and gearing has risen sharply. Hunting's three divisions still look too diverse and some disposals of the worst underperformers are overdue. Until they happen, the shares on 18 times earnings look expensive.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	916-917	Jul	1028-1027
Jul	941-940	Sep	1037-1036
Sep	959-958	Dec	1054-1052
Dec	994-992	Mar	1072-1065
Mar	1005-1004		
May	1016-1015		Volume: 4554

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3074-3064	Jan	2920-2915
Jul	3015-3005	Mar	2905-2890
Sep	2965-2964	May	2890-2870
Nov	2944-2940		Volume: 2616

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	307.2-05.0
Spot: 350.0		Mar	306.3-05.5
May	359.0-45.0	May	306.1-04.0
Aug	337.0-36.0	Aug	305.5-03.0
Oct	314.9-14.0		Volume: 3910

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(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	87.21	126.49	124.03
(+/-)	-4.45	-8.45	-0.25
Eng/Wales	87.21	127.30	123.59
(+/-)	-4.45	-7.15	+0.12
(%)	-22.0	-16.0	+3.0
Scotland	unq	121.94	126.53
(+/-)		-14.12	-2.21
(%)		-64.0	-2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.00	-0.75
Brent 15 day (Jun)	17.75	-0.60
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.50	-0.55
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.20	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.00	-0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 197 (+1)	O: 199 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	160 (-8)	161 (-9)
Non EEC 1H May	156 (-4)	159 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	156 (-2)	157 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	105 (-2)	108 (-1)
Naphtha	165 (-2)	167 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	155.00-55.25	Aug	155.00-55.25
Jun	154.00-54.25	Sep	156.00-56.50
Jul	153.75-54.00		Vol: 22676

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	16.89-13.90	Aug	17.30 BID
Jun	17.75-17.76	Sep	17.16 SLR
Jul	17.47-17.49		Vol: 34158

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	116.95	May	110.00
Jul	118.00	Sep	102.30
Sep	103.40	Nov	103.50
Nov	104.35	Jan	105.25
Jan	106.25	Mar	107.15
Volume: 433		Volume: 79	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	306.0	302.5
Apr	137.0	133.3
May	145.0	145.0
		Volume: 61

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May 121.25-121.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 95	2300	2295	2300
May 95	2310	2275	2275
Jun 95	2210	2175	2195
Jul 95	2005	2000	1990
Vol: 50b lots		Open interest: 4543	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2932.0-2935.0	2895.0-2897.0	203850
Lead ($/tonne)	603.00-603.50	611.00-612.00	195350
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1052.0-1053.0	1075.0-1076.0	596025
Tin ($/tonne)	5755.0-5760.0	5770.0-5775.0	27210
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1825.0-1825.5	1838.0-1839.0	1263125
Nickel ($/tonne)	7320.0-7325.0	7470.0-7480.0	12760

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Dom.	500	41½	48	52½	0	9	12
(*541½)	550	2½	15½	23	11	31	34½
Argyll	280	5	15	21	3	14	17½
(*282½)	300	0	7	12½	18	23	30
ASDA	70	7	9½	11	0	1½	3
(*77)	80	0½	4	5½	3½	6	7½
Boots	500	17	29	38	1	15½	18½
(*516½)	550	0	6½	15½	34	46½	48
Br Airways	390	15	27	35½	1	14	16½
(*404)	420	1	12	22	16½	30½	34½
BP	420	16½	27½	36	1	9	14
(*436)	460	0	8½	17	24½	31½	35½
Br Steel	140	19½	22½	25	0	1½	3
(*159½)	160	2	8½	12½	2½	8	10
C & W	420	7	23	33	3½	18½	23
(*424)	460	0	6	16½	36½	44½	47½
CU	543	27½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*570)	592	1	—	—	22½	—	—
ICI	750	7	36½	48½	6½	23½	35½
(*753)	800	0	14½	26½	47½	53	64
Kingfishr	420	31	44½	53½	0	7½	13½
(*451)	460	2	20	30	11½	24	30½
Land Sec	550	29½	38	43	0	12	16½
(*579)	600	1	10	17½	21½	42½	45
M & S	420	4	15½	23½	3½	16½	22
(*420)	460	0	2½	8½	40½	46	49
Nat West	550	5½	30	39	6	20½	30
(*551½)	600	0	10½	16½	49	52½	60½
Sainsbury	390	29½	35½	42	0	6½	10
(*419½)	420	4	15½	24	4	18½	22½
Shell	700	15½	37	50	1½	12½	20
(*714½)	750	0	12½	23½	36	39	46
Smkl Bch	500	37½	36½	47	1	13	19
(*520)	550	0	12½	23½	30½	39½	45
Storehse	220	13½	19½	24½	0	5	7½
(*233½)	240	1	8	13½	7	14½	17
Trafalgar	50	3	6	7½	1	2½	3
(*52½)	60	0	2	3	7½	8½	9
Unilever	1200	27½	64	90	3	22½	29½
(*1225½)	1250	1½	35½	60½	26½	45½	52
Zeneca	850	38	69	81½	1	17½	27½
(*887½)	900	6	39½	53½	17½	38½	49

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	390	20	27½	35½	4	11	15
(*404½)	420	5	12½	20½	18½	27	30
Ladbroke	160	11½	17½	20½	1½	4	6
(*169½)	180	1½	7	10½	11½	14½	17½
Utd Bisc	330	19½	32	37½	4	9½	15
(*342½)	360	9½	17	22½	20	24½	30

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	475	13	—	—	1	—	—
(*490½)	500	1	14½	24	14½	26½	30
Thames W	460	29½	29	42	0	12	16½
(*489½)	500	1½	15	20½	12	34	38

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	34	45½	49½	2½	11½	15
(*449)	460	6½	21½	27½	17	30	24
BTR	330	15	24	28	5	9	16
(*337½)	360	2	10	14	23½	26	32½
Br Aero	492	30	—	—	9½	—	—
(*507½)	531	9	—	—	26	—	—
Br Telcm	390	6½	19	22½	8	19	21½
(*390)	420	1	6½	11	30½	39½	41½
Cadbury	409	32½	43½	—	1	5½	—
(*437½)	447	8½	20	—	14½	20	—
Guinness	460	17½	32	37½	8½	14½	19½
(*468)	500	2	13½	19	32½	37	40½
GEC	300	13½	19½	22½	2	11	13½
(*309½)	330	1½	5½	9½	22	30	31½
Hanson	240	7	12	15½	4	9½	12
(*242)	260	1	4½	7½	18½	22½	25
LASMO	160	10	15½	20	3	6	7½
(*166)	180	2	6	11	15	17	19
Lucas	190	15	21½	25½	1½	5½	9½
(*194½)	200	4	11	15	10½	14½	19
Pilkingtn	160	19	21	23½	0½	2½	4½
(*177½)	180	4½	8½	11½	8	15	12½
Prudential	300	30½	39	43	1	3½	7½
(*328)	330	9½	19½	24½	9½	13½	19½
Redland	420	35	53	41	8	15½	22
(*442½)	460	3	14½	22	32½	38	43½
R-Royce	160	13	19	21½	1½	4	7
(*170½)	180	2½	8½	11½	11	14½	17
Tesco	260	13½	18	22½	3	9½	11
(*272)	280	3	8½	13	16½	20½	21½
Vodafone	180	11½	17½	22½	2½	7	9½
(*188½)	200	2½	8	13½	13	17½	20
Williams	330	10	16	19½	10	15	20
(*335)	360	1	6	9	35	36½	40

FT-SE INDEX (*3208½)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
Apr	131	81	34	8½	2½	1
May	149	108	73	45½	26	13½
Jun	165½	129½	99	70½	49½	31½
Jul	188½	152½	122½	94	72	52
Dec	266½	—	208	—	150	—
Puts						
Apr	1½	2½	9½	41½	91½	141½
May	13½	23½	39½	64	98	141½
Jun	20	45	62½	96	115½	151
Jul	42	56	76	99	127½	161
Dec	90	—	127½	—	178½	—

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	460	20	28½	37½	14	21½	24
(*461½)	500	5½	12½	19½	40½	46	47
Amstrad	175	14	—	—	4	—	—
(*192½)	200	3	6½	11½	19½	21	24
Barclays	650	30	45	56	19	29	35½
(*656½)	700	9	22	35	48½	57	63
Blue Circ	280	21½	29½	34½	6	11	15
(*292½)	300	11	19½	24	15	20½	24
Br Gas	280	20½	24	27½	4½	7½	12
(*298)	300	7	13	17	14	17	22
Dixons	220	22½	25	29	3½	5½	10
(*237)	240	10	12½	17½	11½	14	15
Forte	220	10½	17	20	5½	9	11½
(*228)	240	2½	8	11	19	20½	22½
Hillsdwn	180	9½	13½	16½	6	9	10½
(*189)	200	2	5½	6	20½	22	22½
Lonrho	160	16	16½	17½	6½	10	12
(*162½)	180	5	6½	9½	19	22	23½
Sears	100	4	10	12	2	3	4½
(*107½)	110	2½	5	7½	7	8½	9½
Thrn EMI	1100	35	68	80	16½	37	45½
(*1126)	1150	25	41	55	40	64	70
Tomkins	240	12½	17	22	7	13½	16
(*243)	260	4	8	13½	19½	25½	27½
TSB	240	14½	20	24½	9½	15	16
(*242)	260	6½	11½	15½	21½	26½	27
Wellcome	1000	63½	71	—	0	2½	—
(*1061½)	1050	21	29½	—	7	14	—

Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	700	16½	44	57½	3½	22	37½
(*713)	750	0½	21	33	37½	46½	68½
HSBC	750	13½	50	69	9	34½	49
(*755)	800	1	23½	47½	46	63	77
Reuter	460	26	44	53½	0	9	15
(*486)	500	1	21½	30½	14	27	32

Series		May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	300	12	20	25	8	13½	19
(*302½)	330	2	5	12½	29½	31	36½

Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	20½	27	31	3	7	9
(*175)	190	8½	16	21	11½	15½	17½

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	600	29½	45½	59	9½	31½	39½
(*616½)	650	8	22	37½	37½	61	60

Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	26½	32	40	10½	15½	18
(*439)	460	6	13½	21	36	39	40½
Scot Pwr	330	16½	25	31	9	18½	19½
(*337)	360	5½	11	18	26½	36	37

April 13, 1995 Tot: 16900 Call: 11262 Put: 7638 FT-SE Call: 2886 Put: 3199

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3240.0	3244.0	3220.0	3239.0	6868
Previous open interest: 73499	Sep 95				3262.5	0
FT-SE 250	Jun 95				3523.0	0
Previous open interest: 4402	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.93	92.96	92.90	92.95	14551
Previous open interest: 393107	Sep 95	92.48	92.51	92.44	92.50	10500
	Dec 95	92.13	92.18	92.12	92.16	5377
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.70	0
Previous open interest: 1149	Sep 95				93.52	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.29	95.32	95.28	95.29	10150
Previous open interest: 695699	Sep 95	95.06	95.10	95.05	95.08	12984
Long Gilt	Jun 95	103-29	104-13	103-28	104-09	29444
Previous open interest: 84142	Sep 95	103-20	103-20	103-20	103-30	35
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	115.64	115.94	115.50	115.76	2606
	Sep 95	115.04	115.06	114.96	114.92	85
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	92.44	92.66	92.43	92.64	64932
Previous open interest: 190862	Sep 95	91.98	91.98	91.98	92.09	220
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.68	93.72	93.67	93.67	1735
Previous open interest: 10423	Sep 95	93.51	93.53	93.49	93.50	804
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.46	96.49	96.41	96.45	1769
Previous open interest: 38030	Sep 95	96.35	96.37	96.32	96.34	742
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	94.05	94.64	94.05	94.41	22010
Previous open interest: 43875	Sep 95				93.76	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 6; 3 mth: 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	6¼-6	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	
Sterling Money Rates	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7-6⅞	7⅜-7¼
Interbank	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7-6⅞	7⅜-7¼
Overnight: open 5½, close 6¼.					
Local Authority Deps	5	n/a	6¾	6⅞	7¼
Sterling CDs	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7-6⅞	7⅜-7¼
Dollar CDs	6.03	n/a	6.13	6.29	6.54
Building Society CDs	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	7-6⅞	7⅜-7¼

TREASURY BILLS: Applies: £3,589m allotted: £900m: Bids: £98.455% received: 15%: Last week: £98.465% received: 91%: Avge rate: £6.1667% last wk £6.1348%; Next week: £900m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	6-5¾	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	5⅞-4⅞
Deutschemark	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5-4
French Franc	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	8⅛-6⅞
Swiss Franc	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2¼
Yen	1¼-1⅛	1½-1⅜	1⅜-1¼	1¼-1⅛	2¼-1¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $389.80-390.20 Close: $388.90-389.40 High: $389.70-390.20 Low: $388.20-388.70 AM: $389.90 PM: $389.20

Krugerrand: $390.00-392.00 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $446.75 (£279.20) Silver: $5.30 (£3.295) Palladium: $169.50 (£105.95)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 13	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4971-2.5049	2.5016-2.5049	¾-½pr	1¾-1½pr
Brussels	45.83-45.94	45.89-45.99	7-4pr	19-11pr
Copenhagen	8.7410-8.7830	8.7690-8.7830	¼-¾ds	½-1½ds
Dublin	0.9815-0.9850	0.9820-0.9845	1ds-2pr	2ds-3pr
Frankfurt	2.2275-2.2368	2.2337-2.2368	¾-½pr	1¾-1pr
Lisbon	234.05-235.33	234.69-235.33	81-99ds	121-235ds
Madrid	197.40-198.36	198.06-198.36	42-52ds	138-156ds
Milan	2715.90-2749.90	2740.00-2749.90	8-11ds	25-31ds
Montreal	2.1000-2.2116	2.2086-2.2116	0.30-0.42ds	0.53-0.66ds
New York	1.5952-1.6096	1.6086-1.6096	0.03pr-par	0.14-0.11pr
Oslo	9.9720-10.0180	10.0030-10.0180	¼-½pr	4⅛-2⅝ds
Paris	7.7590-7.8110	7.7970-7.8110	¾-¼ds	1½-2¼ds
Stockholm	11.6630-11.7450	11.7210-11.7450	1⅞-2⅛ds	5⅞-7⅝ds
Tokyo	132.59-134.49	134.23-134.49	¾-½pr	1⅞-1½pr
Vienna	15.66-15.75	15.71-15.75	2½-1½pr	7-5pr
Zurich	1.8402-1.8504	1.8476-1.8504	¾-½pr	1¾-1½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3457-1.3466
Austria	9.80-9.81
Belgium (Com)	28.63-28.66
Canada	1.3744-1.3749
Denmark	5.4695-5.4745
France	4.8575-4.8605
Germany	1.3935-1.3940
Hong Kong	7.7330-7.7340
Ireland	1.6272-1.6281
Italy	1709.00-1710.50
Japan	83.60-83.65
Malaysia	2.4650-2.4680
Netherlands	1.5600-1.5605
Norway	6.2289-6.2309
Portugal	146.30-146.60
Singapore	1.3947-1.3957
Spain	123.24-123.34
Sweden	7.3090-7.3190
Switzerland	1.1520-1.1530

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6010-1.6037
Australia dollar	2.1574-2.1602
Bahrain dinar	0.5945-0.6065
Brazil real*	1.4489-1.4531
China yuan	12.75 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.70-0.71
Finland markka	7.710-7.834
Greece drachma	358.75-365.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.3975-12.4096
India rupee	49.57-50.53
Indonesia rupiah	3521.00-3589.66
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4715
Malaysia ringgit	3.9543-3.9592
New Zealand dollar	2.3739-2.3788
Pakistan rupee	48.70 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9125-6.0385
Singapore dollar	2.2347-2.2377
S Africa rand (com)	5.7894-5.7955
U A E dirham	5.790-5.914

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	193	Legal & Gn	1,100
ASDA Gp	7,600	Lloyds Bk	1,400
Abbey Natl	3,800	MEPC	345
Alld Dom	935	Marks Spr	961
Argyll Gp	1,200	NatWst Bk	2,100
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Nat Power	3,000
AB Foods	107	Nth Wst W	268
BAA	1,400	P & O	890
BAT Inds	1,400	Pearson	1,100
BOC	1,500	PowerGen	786
BP	3,100	Prudential	5,100
BTR	3,000	RMC	449
BT	4,500	RTZ	570
Bk of Scot	534	Rank Org	1,500
Barclays	3,900	Reckitt Col	355
Bass	775	Redland	397
Blue Circle	922	Reed Intl	563
Boots	305	Rentokil	907
Bowater	360	Reuters	1,100
Brit Aero	977	Rolls Royce	8,000
Brit Airwys	1,100	Ryl Ins	3,300
Brit Gas	1,200	Ryl Bk Scot	382
Brit Steel	11,000	Sainsbury	579
Burmah Cstl	183	Schroders	418
Cable Wire	4,700	Scot & New	592
Cadbury	1,500	Scot Power	1,200
Caradon	792	Sears	530
Carlton Cms	539	Svrn Trent	168
Cm Union	318	Shell Trans	1,400
Courtaulds	90	Siebe	962
De La Rue	1,200	SmKl Bch	1,400
Eastern Elec	1,900	Smith Nph	1,200
Enterpr Oil	1,300	Sthern Elec	311
Forte	4,200	Std Chartd	296
GKN	922	Sun Allnce	832
GRE	2,500	TI Gp	317
GUS	919	TSB	1,800
Gen Acc	706	Tate & Lyle	432
Gen Elec	6,100	Tesco	5,200
Glaxo	3,800	Thames W	817
Granada	1,400	Thrn EMI	1,100
Grand Met	2,200	Tomkins	721
Guinness	1,500	Unilever	1,700
HSBC	2,800	Utd Bisc	431
Hanson	3,800	Vodafone	6,200
ICI	951	Warburg	788
Inchcape	2,600	Whitbread	585
Kingfisher	1,200	Wlms Hld	2,200
Ladbroke	1,600	Wolseley	307
Land Secs	959	Zeneca	1,000

	Apr 13 midday	Apr 12 close
AMP Inc	38¾	38¾
AMR Corp	69⅛	69
AT & T	51¼	51¼
Abbott Labs	38⅛	38⅜
Advanced Micro	34½	34¾
Aetna Life	58⅝	58⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅛	19⅜
Air Prod & Chem	50⅞	50⅝
Albertson's	32⅛	32
Alcan Aluminum	28⅛	27⅞
Alco Standard	72⅛	71¼
Allied Signal	39⅞	39⅜
Alum Co of Am	44⅜	42⅞
Amax Gold Inc	5⅞	5⅞
Amerada Hess	49⅝	49⅞
Amer Brands	39⅞	39⅜
Amer El Power	32⅛	32⅞
Amer Express	35⅛	35
Amer Genl Corp	31¼	31¼
Amer Home Pr	78⅜	78⅛
Amer Intl	104⅜	103⅜
Amer Stores	24⅞	25
Ameritech	44⅝	44⅛
Amoco	61⅞	62
Anheuser-Busch	58⅞	58⅛
Apple Computer	38⅛	39
Archer Daniels	19⅛	19⅛
Armco	6⅞	7
Armstrng Wrld	45⅛	45
Asarco	27⅛	27⅞
Ashland Oil	34⅛	34⅞
Atl Richfield	114⅛	114⅛
Auto Data Pro	64⅛	64⅛
Avery Dennison	39⅛	39⅛
Avon Products	60⅞	60⅛
Baker Hughes	20⅞	20⅞
Baltm Gas & El	24	23⅞
Banc One	31	30⅞
BankAmerica	49⅛	49⅞
Bank of NY	32⅞	33
Bankers Tr NY	53⅞	53
Barnett Banks	46	45⅞
Bausch & Lomb	37⅞	36⅞
Baxter Intl	33⅛	33⅛
Becton Dicknsn	57⅛	56⅞
Bell Atlantic	54⅞	54⅞
Bell Industries	22⅛	22⅛
BellSouth	61¼	61¼
Black & Decker	29⅛	29⅛
Block (H&R)	45⅞	46⅛
Boeing	53⅞	53⅞
Boise Cascade	34⅛	34⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	63⅞	63⅞
Browning Ferris	33⅞	33⅞
Brunswick	20⅞	20⅞
Burlington Nthn	60⅞	59⅞
CBS	63⅞	63
CNA Financial	74⅞	74⅞
CPC Intl	58⅞	56⅞
CSX	79⅞	80
Campbell Soup	49⅞	48⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	15⅞
Cpil Cities ABC	86⅞	86⅞
Carolina Pwr	27⅞	27⅞
Caterpillar	55⅞	55⅞
Central & SW	25	25⅛
Champion Intl	44	44
Chase Manhat	41¼	40⅞
Chemical Bk	40⅞	40
Chevron Corp	45	45
Chrysler	48	46⅞
Chubb Corp	79⅞	79⅞
Cigna Corp	73⅞	72⅞
Citicorp	46⅞	45⅞
Clorox	59⅞	59⅞
Coastal Corp	29	29⅞
Coca Cola	58⅞	58⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	66	66
Columbia Gas	30	29⅞
Compaq Comp	32⅞	31¼
Comp Ass Intl	58⅞	58⅞
Conagra	33⅞	33⅞
Conrail	53⅞	53⅞
Cons Edison	27⅞	28
Cons Nat Gas	38⅞	37⅞
Cooper Inds	38⅞	38⅞
Corning Inc	37	36⅞
Crown Cork	43⅞	43
Dana Corp	24⅞	24⅞
Dayton Hudson	66⅞	66⅞
Deere	82⅞	82⅞
Delta Air Lines	64⅞	64⅞
Deluxe Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Detroit Edison	28⅞	27⅞
Digital Equip	43⅞	42⅞
Dillard Dept St	27	26⅞
Disney (Walt)	54⅞	55
Dominion Res	36⅞	36⅞
Donnelley (RR)	34⅞	34⅞
Dover Corp	64⅞	63⅞
Dow Chemical	73⅞	73⅞
Dow Jones	35⅞	35⅞
Dresser	21¼	21¼
Duke Power	39⅞	39⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	53⅞	53
Du Pont	62⅞	61¼
Eastman Kodak	52⅞	52⅞
Eaton Corp	54⅞	54⅞
Emerson Elec	65⅞	65⅞
Engelhard Corp	37⅞	37⅞

	Apr 13 midday	Apr 12 close
Enron Corp	34⅛	34
Entergy	21½	21¼
Ethyl Corp	10⅞	11
Exxon	67⅛	66⅞
FMC Corp	60	60⅞
FPL Group	37⅛	37⅛
Federal Express	69⅛	69⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	84	84
First Chicago	51½	51½
First Interstate	79⅛	79⅛
First Union Rty	7⅛	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	32⅛	32⅞
Fluor Corp	48⅛	48⅛
Ford Motor	27⅛	27⅞
GTE Corp	34⅛	34⅞
Gannett	52⅞	52⅛
Gap Inc Del	32⅞	32⅞
Gen Dynamics	47⅞	47⅞
Gen Electric	54⅞	54⅞
Gen Mills	61¼	61¼
Gen Motors	44	44⅞
Gen Reinsurance	133⅞	133⅞
Gen Signal	35⅞	35⅞
Genuine Parts	39⅞	39⅞
Georgia Pac	80⅞	80⅞
Gillette	82⅞	82⅞
Glaxo ADR	22⅞	22⅞
Goodrich (BF)	46⅞	46⅞
Goodyear Tire	38⅞	38⅞
Grace (W&R)	53⅞	54
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅞	24⅞
Great Wstn Fin	20⅞	20
Halliburton	36⅞	36⅞
Harcourt General	39⅞	39⅞
Heinz (HJ)	42⅞	41½
Hercules	48⅞	48⅞
Hershey Foods	53⅞	53⅞
Hewlett Packard	122⅞	122⅞
Hilton Hotels	78	77
Home Depot	43⅞	42⅞
Homestake Mng	17⅞	17⅞
Honeywell	39	38⅞
Household Intl	46⅞	46⅞
Houston Inds	39⅞	39⅞
Humana	25⅞	25⅞
ITT Corp	101½	100
Illinois Tool	47⅞	47⅞
Illinova	23⅞	23⅞
INCO	28	27⅞
Ingersoll Rand	33⅞	33
Inland Steel	27⅞	26⅞
Intel Corp	94⅞	91½
IBM	87	87½
Intl Flav & Fr	51	51½
Intl Paper	75⅞	75⅞
James River Va	28⅞	28⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	61¼	60⅞
Kellogg	59⅞	59⅞
Kerr-McGee	50⅞	50⅞
Kimberly-Clark	51½	51½
Kmart	14⅛	14⅛
Knight-Ridder	56⅞	55⅞
Lilly (Eli)	76⅞	76⅞
Limited Inc	21¼	22
LIN Brdcstng	124	124⅞
Lincoln Nat	40⅞	40⅞
Litton	35⅞	36
Liz Claiborne	18⅞	19⅞
Lockheed Martin	55⅞	55
Louisiana Pac	26⅞	26⅞
MCI Comm	21⅞	21⅞
Marriott Intl	34⅞	35
Marsh & McLnn	82	82
Masco Corp	25⅞	25⅞
May Dept St	36⅞	36⅞
Maytag Corp	17	17⅞
McDonalds	34⅛	34⅛
McDonnell D	58⅞	57⅞
McGraw Hill	71½	72
Mead Corp	52⅞	52⅞
Medtronic	75⅞	73
Mellon Bk	40⅞	40⅞
Melville Corp	38⅞	37⅞
Merck Inc	42⅞	42⅞
Merrill Lynch	44⅞	44⅞
Minnesota Mine	57⅞	57⅞
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Monsanto	80⅞	80
Morgan (JP)	62⅞	60⅞
Motorola Inc	55⅞	54⅞
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Navistar Int	13⅞	13⅞
NBD Bancorp	32⅞	32⅞
NY Times A	24⅞	24
Newmont Mng	42⅞	43
Niag Mohawk	14⅞	14⅞
Nike B	74⅞	73
NL Industries	12⅞	12⅞
Norand Energy	5⅞	5⅞
Nordstrom	40⅞	40⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	66	65⅞
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Norwest Corp	26⅞	26⅞
Nynex Corp	40⅞	40⅞
Occidental Pet	23	22⅞
Ohio Edison	20⅞	20
Oracle Systems	32⅞	32
Oryx Energy Co	12⅞	13⅞
Owens Corning	36⅞	37⅞

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PPG Industries	37⅞	37⅞
PNC Bank	24⅞	24⅞
Paccar Inc	43⅞	43⅞
Pacificorp	19⅞	19⅞
Pac Enterprises	24⅞	24⅞
Pac Gas & Elec	25⅞	25⅞
Pac Telesis	30⅞	30⅞
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Pfizer	88⅞	88⅞
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PriceCostco	15⅞	15⅞
Procter & Gmbl	68⅞	67⅞
Providian	35⅞	35⅞
Pub Serv E & G	28	27⅞
Quaker Oats	35⅞	35⅞
Ralston Purina	48⅞	48⅞
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Reebok Intl	36⅞	[illegible]
Reynolds Metals	51½	50⅞
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Sears Roebuck	52⅞	52⅞
Shell Trans	68⅞	68⅞
Sherwin Wlms	34⅞	34⅞
Skyline Corp	17½	17⅞
Snap-On-Tools	36⅞	36⅞
Southern Co	20⅞	20⅞
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Sprint Corp	32⅞	31½
Stanley Works	41½	41⅞
Sun Company	27⅞	27⅞
Sun Microsys	35⅞	35⅞
Suntrust	54⅞	54⅞
Supervalu	26⅞	26⅞
Sysco Corp	27⅞	27⅞
TRW Inc	67⅞	67
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	13⅞	13⅞
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Temple Inland	45⅞	45⅞
Tenet Healthcare	16⅞	17
Tenneco	47⅞	46⅞
Texaco	65⅞	65
Texas Inst	94⅞	92⅞
Texas Utilities	32⅞	32⅞
Textron	56⅞	56⅞
Time Warner	36⅞	37⅞
Times-Mirror A	19⅞	19⅞
Timken	37⅞	37⅞
Torchmark	40⅞	40⅞
Toys R Us	25⅞	26
Transamerica	57⅞	56⅞
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Tribune	58⅞	58⅞
Tyco Labs	52⅞	52⅞
UST Inc	29⅞	29⅞
UAL	112⅞	112⅞
USX Marathon	17⅞	17⅞
Unicom	26	26⅞
Unilever NV	131½	130⅞
Union Camp	50⅞	50⅞
Union Carbide	31⅞	30⅞
Union Pacific	54⅞	54⅞
Unisys Corp	10⅞	10⅞
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US West	42⅞	42⅞
United Tech	69⅞	68⅞
Unocal Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Upjohn	36⅞	36⅞
VF Corp	52⅞	52⅞
WMX Tech	27⅞	27⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅞	25
Warner-Lambert	80⅞	79⅞
Wells Fargo	160⅞	159⅞
Westinghouse El	15⅞	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	40⅞	40⅞
Whirlpool	55⅞	55
Whitman	18⅞	18⅞
Winn Dixie	58⅞	57⅞
Woolworth	18⅞	18⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	44⅞
Xerox	115⅞	115⅞
Yellow Corp	17⅞	17⅞

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Legless in a good cause

MARK ROGERS, a UK equity salesman at SG Warburg, travelled home to Colchester by train last night dishevelled and somewhat exposed. At the office yesterday he had his legs cut off and his posterior exposed. I hasten to add that it was his trouser legs that were hacked and shredded, all in aid of charity. Some years back, Rogers purchased a suit in a Prince of Wales check, but when he first wore it colleagues sniffed "Going racing?" and he never had the nerve to wear it again. But yesterday, rising to a £25 dare, he did wear it. The rest of the office snooted abuse, and demanded the privilege of seeing Wendy Edmonds and Vanessa Yeo cut his awful suit to shreds. "Pay for the privilege," Rogers said. It was a condition of paying up that Rogers travel home in his reduced state, but his shredding raised £6,000, which goes to Save the Children and the Downs Syndrome Association.

White knight

PROBABLY still catching his breath after taking over Barings, Aad Jacobs, executive board chairman of ING, was this week created a Knight of the Order of the Lion of The Netherlands, for merits to his industry. His office says the honour "had nothing to do with Barings".

BOOSEY & HAWKES, the Regent Street music shop, has an inspired, lyrical name for its Edgware factory, where its instruments are made: Sonorous Works. Any other company want to match that for commercial aptness? Headed company notepaper only, please.



Showing its age

AUSTRALIA'S national airline, Qantas, in which British Airways has a 25 per cent stake, can hardly be accused of going over the top with taxpayers' money ahead of its proposed privatisation this summer. Either that or they've got a strange way of letting their hair down. On Monday Qantas will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of its very first overseas passenger flight, which was from Brisbane to Singapore. To mark the occasion, passengers on flight QF51 from Brisbane to Singapore will be treated to, no not champagne and caviar, but models of Qantas aircraft then and now. They certainly know how to throw a party!

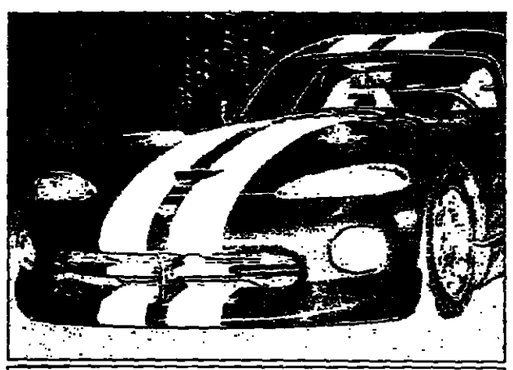
France agog

CORPORATE France is holding its breath ahead of a ruling today by the Accusation Chamber of the Paris Appeal Court which will have wide implications for the business community. On March 10, a French magistrate imposed judicial control on Pierre Suard, chairman of Alcatel Alsthom, the diversified conglomerate, in connection with an alleged fraud. This effectively prevents him from carrying out his chief executive duties. Corporate France felt the ruling, against which Suard has appealed, was unprecedented and shocking. Watch this space.

COLIN CAMPBELL









Star trekkers for Captain Kirk: Chrysler's cars, considered the hottest rolling stock on the US market, would come under Kerkorian's control

America's favourite seeks to repel the enemy at the door

Eric Reguly and **Ross Tieman** say Chrysler has weak spots but is still firing on all cylinders. Kirk Kerkorian can only bring a wake-up call with his bid proposals

America's most profitable car maker, Chrysler, is under siege. Kirk Kerkorian, a septuagenarian raider from Las Vegas, has put one of the largest corporations in the world into play.

The prospects are ominous. Mr Kerkorian's $23 billion bid proposals would saddle Chrysler with $10 billion dollars of debt, and probably lead to the departure of a management team that has brought the company back from the brink of bankruptcy and primed it for global expansion.

Building a long-term position in the world's most competitive industry takes long-term commitment. Building cars is a vocation. While Mr Kerkorian may be a brilliant investor, he knows little of the car industry. Little wonder that Robert Eaton, Chrysler's chief executive, and his board have vowed to fight off the takeover attempt.

Mr Kerkorian buys companies in order to sell them, in whole or in parts, as he did, notoriously, with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the Hollywood studio.

He seems to have no interest or understanding of the products themselves: he once suggested that Eddie Murphy should replace Roger Moore as the new James Bond.

Would Mr Kerkorian treat Chrysler any differently? The company has its weak spots — its foreign presence, for example, is puny — but it is otherwise firing on all cylinders.

Even though it is the smallest of the big three American car makers, it is the most profitable, earning a record $3.7 billion in 1994. Its debt-to-equity ratio, although not as low as Ford's, is much smaller than that of General Motors and analysts expect it to report rising earnings over the next two years.

Chrysler's portfolio of cars, notably the "people carriers", Jeeps and LH saloons, are considered the hottest rolling stock on the US market. According to one analyst: "No one wants this company to be saddled with debt or taken apart; a whole lot of people, including the US Government, worked hard to keep it together."

Indeed, it is only in the past couple of years that Chrysler has become solid. Formed in 1925 by Walter P. Chrysler, a Kansas-born railway man, the company had its heyday in the the Twenties, Thirties and Forties.

In the 1960s, it began to drift and a decade later, it was in the red. When Lee Iacocca was dismissed from Ford in 1978 and landed at Chrysler, the company was on the verge of bankruptcy.

Mr Iacocca slashed costs, but Chrysler could make no headway in the face of Japanese competition. So Mr Iacocca went begging. In late 1979, Congress passed the Chrysler Corporation Loan Guarantee Act, which provided Chrysler with $1.5 billion of loan guarantees.

By 1983, Chrysler had launched a new generation of small cars, known as the K-cars, and was able to repay the loan guarantees. In the same year, it introduced the "mini-van", the "people carrier" that later inspired the Renault Espace. This created an entirely new market and remains Chrysler's best-selling product. Some 4.5 million have been sold.

By the late Eighties, the company was in trouble again. Japanese competition was relentless, Ford had revived itself with its bean-shaped Taurus saloon and Chrysler's own K-cars were creaking with age.

In 1991, it was a bankruptcy candidate again. But Chrysler hung on, gambling that its next generation of cars, known as the LH series, would pull it back from the abyss. The automotive press half jokingly said LH stood for "last hope".

The LH cars, introduced in 1992 as the Chrysler Concorde, Dodge Intrepid and Eagle Vision, borrowed Japanese development techniques but took them one step further. Chrysler used a "platform" approach, in which a dedicated team of designers and technicians worked on one model, and only that model, from start to finish. In the past, the engineer in charge of heating controls, for example, would design controls for several different cars simultaneously instead of concentrating on specific instrument for a specific car.

The LH team comprised 800 workers who developed the LH range in 39 months, a lunchbreak by North American standards. The cars have become tremendously popular. Their "cab-forward" design, which pushes the wheels

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to the extreme corners of the body, lengthening the wheelbase and enlarging the interior, is being copied everywhere.

Arvid Jouppi, an analyst with Keane Securities in Detroit, thinks Chrysler shareholders would rather fight than switch to Mr Kerkorian. "Chrysler has a large body of loyal owners who believe Chrysler's engineering is the best in the world," he said.

But in a globalising automotive industry, Chrysler's recovery, although remarkable, was built exclusively in the American market. While Americans buy a lot of cars, they lose confidence in their economic prospects from time to time and defer their purchases. For the best part of a century, Ford and General Motors have balanced US market downturns by building and selling cars in Europe, where economic cycles tend to lag behind those of the US.

In an effort to acquire this balance, Chrysler bought United Kingdom manufacturing and distribution in 1968 in the form of the Rootes Group. The company was bolted together with Talbot in France. However, the venture was not a success: in 1979, Chrysler sold off its entire European operation to Peugeot Citroën of France for $1.

If Chrysler is not to be dragged down once more by the American slowdown, it has to exploit its investments in technology worldwide. Mr Jouppi said: "Chrysler has a world name and a world reputation, but it doesn't have a world presence. I think they could build up that foreign presence profitably."

Mr Eaton, the Colorado-born engineer who took the helm at Chrysler in 1992, set out from day one to move back into Europe.

Over the past three years, the company has advanced to a 1 per cent plus share of the 11.9 million cars sold in Europe last year. This has been achieved by selling explicitly exotic products: Jeeps and the Voyager "people carrier". In the space of just two years, Jeep has become the third-best selling 4x4 in Britain. To cut costs, many of the vehicles are assembled in Austria under a joint venture arrangement with Steyr-Daimler-Puch. Until sales of each model top 100,000 a year, there seems little point in building a dedicated manufacturing plant.

Besides — exotics aside — American vehicles still have little appeal for European customers, in spite of improving quality and price-competitiveness. Chrysler's Neon saloon, launched on the Continent last year, was poorly received.

Building a substantial European leg without a partner on the continent could take Chrysler decades. The Japanese did it on the back of superior production management when European manufacturers were weak. That opportunity has gone, because the European industry is world class once more.

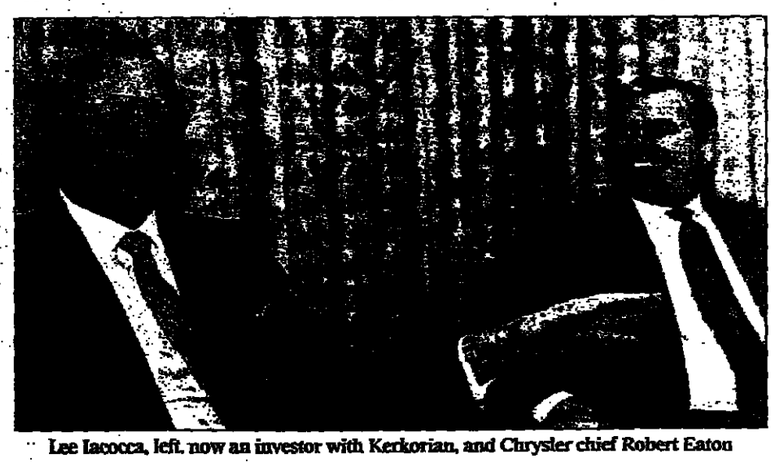
In the late 1980s, Mr Iacocca discussed collaboration with Fiat of Italy and VW in Germany, to no avail. Fiat, VW, Mercedes-Benz, Renault and Peugeot all said yesterday that they were not interested in developing a partnership with Chrysler. Not this year, perhaps. But Peugeot, for one, is keen to re-enter the United States. A reciprocal deal, providing access to dealer networks could yet emerge.

But Europe is no longer the only counterbalance available. Asian countries are building motorways and trunk roads at a remarkable rate. Manufacturers from around the globe are racing to build vehicles to fill them. Chrysler is now in with the pack, developing Jeep assembly plants in China, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Opportunities for collaboration exist here too, with Malaysian and Korean manufacturing newcomers who may be only too happy to share low-cost production expertise and technology. But entering such alliances is easier from a position of strength.

Mr Kerkorian's pressure may spur the company into a defensive alliance with another automotive group. But is that really necessary? In recent years, Chrysler has shown an astonishing capacity to learn, adapt and thrive. It is smart enough to know itself that its biggest growth potential lies in foreign markets.

Chrysler's biggest problem, however, is one of stock market perception. It is undervalued. Mr Kerkorian has been smart enough to notice. This wake-up call to investors is all he can bring to the company.



Lee Iacocca, left, now an investor with Kerkorian, and Chrysler chief Robert Eaton

Film-makers Down Under cast in the starring role

Australasian cinema has been boosted by government funding, says **Rachel Bridge**

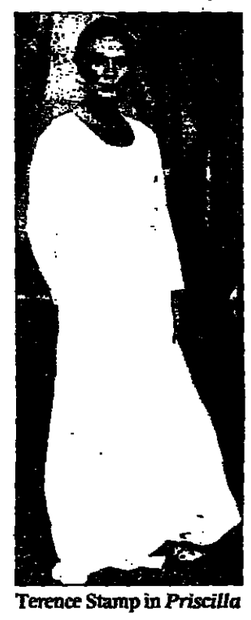
A hard-hitting drama about New Zealand family life makes its debut in British cinemas today in what marks another triumph for the film-makers from Down Under.

Arriving complete with considerable critical acclaim, *Once Were Warriors*, along with the latest Australian offering *Muriel's Wedding*, shows just how far the two countries have progressed in the film world in recent years.

British enthusiasm for Australian and New Zealand films such as *Strictly Ballroom* and *The Piano* — and more recently *The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert* and *Heavenly Creatures* — has done much to propel them into the commercial big time.

Priscilla, for example, has already taken well over £1 million at the box office in the UK since its release six months ago, while *The Piano* has chalked up more than £3 million in UK box office receipts.

The new batch of films are a far cry from the big-budget film *Crocodile Dundee*, which played upon stereotype images of Australia. Cathy Robinson, chief executive of the Australian Film Commission, says: "We've learnt to speak with our own voice. The stories are not hugely different but it is the way we tell them that interests people. What we offer is a kind of freshness and a vitality."



Terence Stamp in *Priscilla*

Success has led to a stream of American film distributors keen to do business. Ms Robinson says: "There's no question that, internationally, people are looking to Australia for films with commercial appeal. They are not only interested in buying the completed product, they are also interested in putting money on the table to assist in production."

It has also sent a tremendous surge of optimism through the industry. Independent film-maker Liz Hughes, who has written and directed four short films, including the award-winning *Cat's Cradle*, says: "There is a lot of confidence in the industry at the moment, partly due to the recent successes of Australian films. There is a good climate for film-makers here."

In sharp contrast to the UK, much of the credit must go to the Australian and New Zealand Governments for their willingness to foot the bill.

Ms Robinson says: "We wouldn't have an industry without government assistance. What's happening now is a culmination of 25 years of investment." The figures would make British film-makers weep. The Australian Film Finance Corporation, which provides finance for the more commercial films, receives A$50 million (£23 million) a year — over half its total budget — from the Government. The Australian Film Commission, which funds smaller projects, gets a further A$20 million.

Greg Smith, director of the New South Wales Film and Television Office, says: "At the end of the day, it is talent that counts but government funding has been very important.

There has been a lot of money, a lot of support and a lot of training put into the industry, and, as a result, we are now generating on a annual basis films which are of a high quality. The UK film industry has lost a lot of opportunities by not having a more supportive government."

Across the Tasman Sea, the story is the same. The New Zealand Film Commission will receive nearly two thirds of its NZ$12.5 million (£5.2 million) budget this year from State Lottery profits, and a further 7 per cent from taxation revenue.

Lindsay Shelton, the Commission's marketing director, points out that in the 15 years before the Commission was set up in 1978, New Zealand made just 11 feature films. In the 15 years after its creation, more than 90 were made.

He, too, has found American distributors starting to take him seriously in the light of successes such as *Heavenly Creatures*, which received an Academy Award nomination. Mr Shelton says: "Slowly we are starting to build up a reputation. Each time we hit a peak, it's a higher peak."

Spurred on by the international success of its films, Australia has, meanwhile, begun marketing its production skills to overseas film-makers and for the past three years, Austrade, the Australian Trade Commission, has been arranging trips for international studio heavyweights to show them what Australia can offer. Its efforts are paying off — the programme already attracts around A$40-50 million worth of business each year.

The man in charge of the project, John Robertson, says: "Its been one of our most successful programmes. The industry has been on a bit of a roll and successes like *Muriel's Wedding* and *Priscilla* certainly have not hurt. It is raising the profile of Australia as a major player in the industry."

Eric Reguly on the prospects of Germany's telecoms sector opening up

BT and C&W wait for a clearer line from Bonn

WOLFGANG BÖTSCH, Germany's Post and Telecommunications Minister, has been telling the world that the walls protecting his country's telecoms sector are collapsing. He was recently in Washington to spread the word that licences to compete with Deutsche Telekom, which loses its monopoly in 1998, will be awarded freely. Germany, like Britain, which was Europe's first deregulated market, could end up with hundreds of competitors. "I have in mind to make it quite clear that we do not have a fortress in Europe: we do not have a fortress in Germany," he said.

Two foreign companies that hope to be among the first to pry open the German telecoms market, British Telecom and Cable & Wireless, do not share Herr Bötsch's exuberance. Licences may be handed out at random, they note, but there's a good chance that the regulatory regime will continue to work in Deutsche Telekom's favour.

Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, was quick off the mark when the Bonn Government announced it would not be stingy with licences. "There is very little, if any, sign of early movement in the two largest markets in continental Europe despite the encouraging words from Bonn," he said. "We have to ask whether there is a place in this competitive marketplace for companies or alliances who continue to enjoy protected status in their home markets."

While Mercury Communications may sneer at BT's concerns about ensuring a level regulatory playing field — Mercury is the only phone company that has to pay BT a fee to maintain its fixed network — the issue must be resolved before BT and C&W make a commitment to Europe, their next frontier. Hundreds of millions of pounds of investment are at stake. Stephen Pettit, C&W's managing director for Europe, said he has no doubt that Deutsche Telekom and the German authorities will put up a fight. "It's a natural thing to make life hard for the competition," he said.

At the moment, none of Deutsche Telekom's potential rivals has any idea what the regulatory regime will look like. They do not know what restrictions will be imposed on the construction of their own networks or, more importantly, what Deutsche Telekom will charge them to connect calls to its network. They do not know whether its charges for leased lines will be fair because they do not have access to Deutsche Telekom's accounting. Until they do, they will not be able to determine whether the company is subsidising losses from one service by diverting profits from another. "Deutsche Telekom's leased line prices are very high," said Mr Pettit. "They could be making a huge profit from them or a huge loss, we simply don't know."

BT and C&W are putting pressure on the European Union's competition watchdogs. Germany's Ministry of Post and Telecommunications and Deutsche Telekom, to agree to a regulatory framework within the next year-and-a-half or so. Once it takes shape, the foreign upstarts can develop plans for the post-1998 free-for-all. BT and C&W know they cannot get over the regulatory hurdles alone. Their new industrial partners in Germany, Viag and Veba, respectively, are their main lobbyists.

Germany's regulatory regime is not the only potential barrier to open competition. The other is Atlas, the new joint venture between Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom that plans to offer data links and private networks to corporate customers in Europe and around the world. The two companies hope to buy a 20 per cent stake in Sprint, America's third largest overseas carrier, to extend Atlas's reach.

BT and C&W are worried that Atlas is an attempt to lock up business customers, their prime targets in Germany and France, before 1998. BT has filed a complaint to that effect with the EU's competition commission.

Brussels has noted their concerns. The competition commission, headed by Karel Van Miert, is reviewing Atlas to determine whether it contravenes competition policy. Larry Stone, BT's head of regulatory affairs in Brussels, said Atlas could evolve into a cartel. "There would be no incentive for France Telekom or Deutsche Telekom to compete in their own markets if they join their networks together," he said.

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Assets & Earnings	257.60	274.00	-1.70	3.00
Commdty & Energy	99.64	106.00	0.20	.12
Euro Capital Inc	131.60	140.70	-1.20	.69
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General	231.10	245.90	-1.90	2.21
Japan	117.10	125.20	-5.20	
Mastertrust	137.10	146.80	-2.10	1.90
UK Growth Dist	111.80	119.60	-0.80	3.22
US Emerging Cos	131.50	139.90	-1.80	
Income & Growth	382.10	407.60	-1.60	3.07
Ethical	65.48	69.66	-0.36	3.14
International	110.10	117.10	-0.80	.90
Dividend & Growth	59.53	63.33	+0.05	4.44
Global Gwth & Inc	67.22	71.69	-0.27	2.90
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.49	£17.16	+15.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
American Inc & Growth	44.58	46.30	+0.80	0.67
Cash	50.26	50.26	+0.03	5.82
Emerging Mkts	63.10	66.83	-0.27	0.05
European	109.70	114.70	+0.50	
Europe	933.30	1010.04	-6.20	1.85
Extra Income #	44.21	47.26	-0.06	6.38
Far East Emg Eco	105.10	112.60	-1.40	0.55
Fixed Interest #	21.78	22.87	-0.05	9.04
Fixed Inc Tst	153.10	161.10		7.04
Japan	182.00	191.10	-6.30	
Latin American	44.82	47.04	0.97	1.93
Pacific	70.15	74.05	-1.62	0.26
Property Share	59.56	62.61	+0.27	2.18
UK Emerging Cos	60.12	63.11	-0.46	1.96
UK Growth	43.15	45.74	-0.05	2.56
Abtr World Port #	71.42	72.56	-0.34	2.26
Ethical	59.63	62.86	-0.01	2.30
Premium Gilt Inc #	49.20	49.28	-0.13	7.61
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
British Growth	68.85	73.22	-0.02	3.00
British Income	80.25	85.37	-0.08	3.79
Select Portfolio	84.00	89.36	-0.13	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.93	77.38	-0.19	2.68
Income Builder Inc	67.47	71.78	-0.32	3.05
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg 01793 610 366 Client dlg 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	227.70	243.40	-1.10	3.20
Capital	398.50	425.90	-1.50	1.34
Balanced	673.90	720.30	+2.10	2.76
Accumulator	£12.50	£13.36	-2.00	3.04
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.87	51.17	-0.08	3.48
High Income	389.00	415.80	-2.30	3.71
Equity Income	218.40	233.40	-0.80	3.57
High Yield	237.10	253.40	-0.50	3.43
Govt Securities	32.46	34.27	+0.04	6.19
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	147.50	157.60	+1.10	0.44
European Growth	33.61	35.90	-0.07	0.07
International	153.70	164.30	-1.70	0.20
Japan	192.30	204.80	-5.80	0.01
Pacific	361.70	386.60	-7.40	0.01
Secs of America	427.70	455.00	+3.40	0.51
Wwide Asset Val	46.40	49.60	+0.36	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	517.20	552.80	-3.00	2.31
Conv & Gilt	42.03	44.93	-0.05	5.16
Smaller Cos	160.70	171.70	-0.60	1.29
2nd Smaller Cos	152.10	162.50	-0.50	1.50
Recovery	133.60	142.80	-0.90	1.82
Met Min & Cdty	146.60	156.70	-0.60	0.76
Oseas Earnings	345.10	368.90	-0.90	1.83
Technology	160.60	171.60	-1.10	0.01
UK Special Sit	451.30	482.40	-0.40	1.80
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Cauchi Bus Pens	97.02	100.90		3.04
Fdn Pssi Pens	59.98	62.31		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0833				
Capital	70.24	74.72	-0.63	2.17
International	61.30	65.21	+1.27	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	258.20	278.30	-1.00	
Bond	110.80	116.70	-0.40	7.14
Brit Smlr Cos	95.73	101.90	-0.50	1.85
Com & Gen #	63.66	67.72	-0.31	5.80
Europe	213.70	227.50		0.84
Euro Smlr Cos	95.36	101.50		9.62
Income Gwth	330.40	351.50	+1.30	4.41
Japan	300.50	319.20	-11.20	
Latin American	58.45	62.18	-0.92	
Pacific	99.55	105.90	-1.40	1.44
UK Smlr Cos	51.27	54.54	-0.28	1.41
Japan Fc	652.20	672.10	+20.40	
Mngd Fd	168.90	173.70	+0.50	3.13
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	276.70	291.30	-1.00	1.26
Capital Gwth	107.60	112.50	-0.60	2.36
Wwide Opps	173.20	182.30	+1.20	0.44
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	341.80	356.10	-1.20	3.13
European Bd Inc	89.02	93.27	-0.03	7.77
Exempt	72.70	77.73	-0.03	4.31
Financial	74.79	79.99	-0.06	2.57
500	424.40	453.93	-2.70	2.73
General	266.10	284.90	-0.50	2.93
Property	241.20	258.40		6.52
Trustee	[illegible]	189.90	-0.40	2.54
Income Trusts				
Gilt Inc	150.20	159.10		5.31
Extra Income	[illegible]	121.60		4.32
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BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
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BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
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BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6025				
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BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7215				
Smr Cos Gth	60.00	63.61	-0.27	6.4
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5050				
Environ	151.60	161.30	-0.20	1.85
UK Growth	165.90	176.20	-0.20	2.45
UK Income	127.60	135.10	-0.20	4.62
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	182.41	193.40	-0.45	2.06
-do- Income Dist	105.54	112.25	-0.20	2.46
(Accum Units)	319.40	336.60	-1.15	2.46
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.30	41.66	-0.11	6.51
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	155.20	165.30	+2.60	
Eurotrst Inc	75.65	80.15	-0.42	0.57
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.35	82.30	-0.73	1.35
Growth	409.20	435.40	-1.90	2.32
Income & Growth	336.80	422.20	-3.40	4.32
(Accum Units)	566.20	602.40	-4.60	4.08
Japan & Gen	71.43	75.78	-3.46	
Master Portfolio	£99.08	£102.74	-50.00	2.52
(Accum Units)	£118.83	£123.22	-60.05	2.52
Special Sits	94.25	100.27	+0.32	2.29
High Yield	£12.93	£13.33	-10.00	4.55
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.26	86.68	-0.08	2.82
European Portfolio	91.52	97.45	-0.74	1.20
European Portfolio	92.33	98.31	-0.04	0.81
Japanese Portfolio	64.79	68.89	-2.45	
Pacific Portfolio	130.00	138.79	-1.96	0.94
UK Inc & Growth	73.12	78.46	-0.06	3.39
Utility & Bond	53.19	57.84	-0.07	7.12
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	649.35	655.50		4.74
Fxd Int Sec	147.08	147.29		9.78

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	62.45	66.43	-0.03	2.99
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	639.46	642.94		4.87
Accum	£27.51	£27.62		
Fixed Int Inc	119.75	120.05		9.58
Fixed Int Acc	190.20	190.68		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	109.80	120.47	+3.67	
UK Income	103.91	117.23	-0.42	5.328
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Bodmin Intl	77.38	82.16	+0.48	1.47
Exeit Bio-Tech	26.38	27.96	-0.13	
Acorn Ethical Tst	138.78	151.66		0.72
City Fin Assets	68.29	71.09	-1.41	1.97
City Fin America	87.86	92.76	-1.96	
City Fin Intl	75.15	79.38	-2.99	0.93
City Fin Japan	161.44	169.53	-8.00	
Frans Hse Cap	280.16	297.22	+5.40	1.69
Frans Hse Inc	189.81	205.71	-2.85	4.10
Buckley Wrld Gth	116.20	125.29	-7.25	
Fairmnt Cap Gth	132.01	138.62	-1.32	
Fairmount Intl	143.63	150.82	-2.20	
City Fin Ptflo Inc	52.29	56.56	-0.12	4.35
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	51.57	54.72	-0.24	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	59.03	62.13	+1.50	
Asia Mngd Gwth	35.72	38.20	-0.38	0.61
Balanced Growth	61.94	66.25	-0.99	0.83
Equity High Inc	80.49	85.63	-0.01	4.22
(Accum Units)	109.07	116.03	-0.01	4.22
European Gwth	50.12	53.32	-0.07	1.18
Evergreen	26.43	28.77	-0.52	
General Equity	82.17	87.18	-0.34	2.95
Japan Growth	50.94	54.48	-2.53	
Perigree Gwth	49.67	52.84		2.92
Ped Sml Cos Inc	29.00	30.85	-0.35	1.67
(Accum Units)	30.15	32.05	-0.36	1.87
Retirement Inc #	25.01	26.61		5.96
Special Sits	38.55	38.88	-0.06	2.24
UP & Overseas	46.81	49.80	-0.44	1.43
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	67.54	71.59	+0.10	2.97
Income	60.75	64.40	+0.06	4.18
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 866 9618				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	151.90	161.60	-0.17	5.41
Fixed & Convertible	37.89	40.31	-0.07	7.46
Monthly Inc Plus	46.26	49.21	-0.02	9.10
Preference Share	44.37	47.20	-0.02	8.00
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	117.77	125.29	-1.33	6.48
Managed Fund	65.65	69.84	-0.29	3.24
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	35.95	38.24	-0.10	2.10
(Accum Units)	41.84	44.51	-0.12	2.10
UK & General	77.76	82.72	-0.61	3.15
(Accum Units)	98.61	104.90	-0.78	3.15
UK Growth	143.21	152.35	-2.57	2.77
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	181.31	192.88	-2.94	0.23
Far Eastern Grth	122.79	130.63	-3.25	
Global Bond	76.66	81.46	-0.07	6.13
Japan Growth	116.84	124.30	-4.50	
North Amer Grth	167.68	178.38	-1.37	
Oriental Growth	71.09	75.63	-1.27	0.11
Worldwide Growth	63.54	67.91	-0.80	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (Non PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.59	91.59	-0.07	6.03
Homemaker Fund	76.50	81.49	-0.31	1.85
Quilter Fund	125.13	133.12	-0.03	2.43
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.96	32.17		3.45
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	136.80	145.60	+1.10	1.77
Income	67.20	71.49	+0.30	5.00
European	59.16	62.94	+0.08	1.00
Recovery	153.10	162.90	-3.60	2.10
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	801.70	815.00		3.72
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	72.87	77.52	-1.02	1.28
Income #	235.20	250.20	-0.70	4.65
(Accum Units) #	579.30	616.20	-1.80	4.65
Smaller Cos	155.50	165.40	-1.80	0.59
(Accum Units)	190.10	202.20	-2.20	0.59
Inv Portfolio	77.02	81.93	-0.15	1.46
High Inc Port #	67.54	71.85	-0.29	4.83
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.05	£15.42	-1.50	
Japan Small Cos	£12.13	£12.37	-63.00	
UK Small Cos	£16.68	£17.62	-13.20	
US Small Cos	£16.02	£16.51	-24.60	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	196.60	207.00	-7.50	3.31
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	267.90	283.00	-2.30	0.99
New Asia	197.00	209.90	+4.10	0.16
Japan Growth	112.60	120.00	-2.50	
Jap Smlr Cos	435.60	463.30	-2.30	
Nth Amer	267.40	283.50	-4.40	0.84
Stlrd Fdn Pac Mt	113.00	119.70	-2.30	0.36
UK Inc & Grw	208.40	222.40	-0.50	2.99
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	138.00	146.90	-0.10	1.82
UK High Inc Inc	147.20	157.10	-0.50	4.58
(Accum Units)	189.10	201.20	-0.60	4.58
UP Prst & Fx Inc	57.12	60.61	-0.28	5.17
Emerging Opps	82.31	88.20	-0.28	1.06
UK Smlr Cos #	48.50	51.60	-0.22	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	122.30	129.80	-1.00	1.35
Convertibles #	19.77	21.01	-0.13	6.66
Equity Income #	121.90	129.50	-0.70	4.09
EuroFund	43.87	46.59	-0.30	0.43
Financial	43.12	45.83	-0.54	1.64
Growth & Inc #	229.00	243.30	-0.40	2.16
High Dist #	151.00	160.40	-0.70	4.68
International	370.60	392.80	-2.60	0.13
Inv Cos Inc	89.42	95.52	-0.09	2.86
Latin American	24.40	25.93	-0.97	
Pacific	73.35	77.93	-0.72	
Preference Share	20.87	22.17	-0.12	7.44
Tokyo	218.80	232.50	-9.20	
UK Smaller Cos	217.00	230.60	-1.90	1.35
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Ebor Trst	202.90	217.46	-3.71	0.96
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	195.00	207.40	-4.10	1.12
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	77.32	82.02	-0.23	1.91
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EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
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FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5566				
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FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	55.95	59.89	-1.97	
(Accum Units)	55.95	59.89	-1.97	
Amer Smlr Cos	474.50	507.50	-7.90	
(Accum Units)	484.70	518.40	-8.00	
Capital Tst	292.20	311.90	+1.40	1.61
(Accum Units)	421.80	448.60	+2.00	1.67
Capital Smlr Cos	57.63	61.29	-0.03	0.56
(Accum Units)	60.69	65.08	-0.03	0.56
Convertible	128.40	128.10	-0.40	5.87
(Accum Units)	243.30	258.90	-0.83	5.87
Emerging Markets	60.96	65.17	-0.83	0.24
(Accum Units)	61.01	65.17	-0.64	0.24
European	115.10	122.10	-0.30	0.14
(Accum Units)	120.60	127.80	-0.30	0.14
Extra Income	333.10	343.80	-0.50	4.17
(Accum Units)	485.30	516.10	+9.60	4.17
Financial	119.30	128.50	-1.30	0.30
(Accum Units)	125.60	135.30	-1.90	0.30
Gilt Trust	61.56	63.48	-0.21	6.37
(Accum Units)	88.32	91.08	-0.32	6.37
Health Fund Inc	135.60	144.80	+3.30	
(Accum Units)	135.60	144.80	+3.30	
Income & Growth	186.20	198.10	-0.50	3.32
(Accum Units)	281.10	299.00	-1.40	3.32
Intl Growth	350.50	375.00	-7.00	
(Accum Units)	389.70	416.40	+7.80	
Japan & Gen	165.60	176.00	-4.80	
(Accum Units)	167.20	178.60	-4.90	
Monthly Inc	155.50	165.10	-0.60	4.13
Managed Port Inc	98.75	105.00	-0.50	1.80
(Accum Units)	107.10	112.70	-0.50	1.80
Quarterly Income	51.01	54.25	-0.36	4.76
(Accum Units)	54.76	58.24	-0.27	4.76
Recovery	323.40	345.80	+3.20	0.12
(Accum Units)	380.70	407.00	-3.70	0.13
UK Growth	53.20	56.89	-0.02	2.79
(Accum Units)	55.03	58.86	-0.03	2.79

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smlr Cos	114.10	122.00	-1.90	0.0
FP Asian Growth	239.00	254.50	-5.50	0.0
FP Australian	318.20	339.20	-11.00	0.0
FP Equity Dist	377.00	401.00	-0.40	2.87
-do- Accum	796.20	847.00	-1.00	2.87
FP Euro Gth Dist	142.40	151.40	-0.80	0.73
-do- Accum	148.40	157.80	-0.90	0.73
FP Fixed Int Dist	129.00	136.30	+0.70	7.37
-do- Accum	239.60	253.10	+1.30	7.37
FP Intl Bond	56.36	59.50	-0.20	4.97
FP Inv Gth Dist	90.03	95.77	-0.99	0.76
-do- Accum	94.19	100.20	+0.98	0.76
FP Nth Amer Dist	185.50	196.40	-0.50	1.11
-do- Accum	204.30	216.40	+0.60	1.11
FP Pac Basin Acc	194.00	207.30	-5.40	
FP Income	53.07	56.55	-0.09	5.26
(Accum Units)	171.60	183.00	-0.30	5.26
FP Jap Smlr Cos	317.50	338.60	-3.60	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	69.25	73.94	-0.09	6.0
FP Stg Deposit	100.20	100.20	-0.10	6.25
FP Tokyo	87.13	92.93	-3.99	0.0
FP UK Focus	35.39	36.86	-0.01	1.91
FP UK Growth	167.40	178.50	-0.50	2.79
(Accum Units)	324.20	345.60	-0.90	2.79
Stewardship Dist	323.10	343.70	-0.50	2.10
-do- Accum	395.10	420.30	-0.50	2.10
Stewdshp Inc Dist	68.84	73.22	-0.23	3.85
-do- Accum	89.30	95.50	-0.31	3.85
N Am Stshp Dist	94.38	100.40	-0.99	0.85
-do- Accum	100.30	106.70	-1.10	0.85
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	105.90	112.60	-0.60	1.13
Oseas Cap Gth Acc	105.60	112.70	-1.10	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	102.10	108.60	-0.10	2.60
Cap Gth Inc Acc	104.60	111.20	-0.20	2.60
Oss Cap Gth Ic Ic	102.60	110.20	-0.20	3.09
Oss Cp Gth Ic Ac	106.20	112.90	-0.30	3.09
M4 Unit Trusts				
American	45.38	48.17	-0.12	1.09
European	198.60	210.70	-1.00	0.77
(Accum Units)	215.80	228.90	-1.20	0.77
Intnl	31.27	33.27	-0.33	0.94
(Accum Units)	45.35	48.39	-0.49	0.94
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	232.90	246.20	-0.40	2.50
Cash	49.66	50.40	-0.04	5.38
Growth Portfolio	74.84	79.33	+0.94	1.03
Income Portfolio	61.54	65.06	-0.04	4.74
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	177.80	190.20	-1.40	1.50
Dividend	85.84	91.81	-0.12	4.15
Inv Gth & Inc	214.20	229.10	-0.50	3.07
UK & Gen	42.46	45.41	-0.18	2.10
Fund of Funds	60.67	64.99	-0.47	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	183.90	196.70	-8.70	
European	526.00	562.30	-1.70	0.36
Far East & Gen	228.50	244.40	-2.50	
Germany	111.20	117.80	-0.90	
Income Inc	148.70	159.10	-0.10	4.60
(Accum Units)	160.70	171.90	-0.10	4.60
International	302.50	323.60	-1.60	
Intl Income	79.16	83.94	-0.23	4.04
Japan & General	377.80	401.60	+6.00	
Korean Securities	60.04	64.22	-1.38	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	42.84	45.82	-1.05	5.24
UK Capital Inc	161.20	172.50	-1.90	1.34
UK Capital Acc	281.80	301.40	-3.10	1.34
UK Spec Sits	78.16	83.60	-0.57	0.73
US & General	139.20	149.20	-2.90	
Wwide Spec Sits	138.70	148.30	-2.10	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.67	49.88	-0.01	2.59
Cash Trust	137.39	137.39	-0.09	4.76
Practical Inv Inc #	110.37	118.04	-0.41	3.35
(Accum Units) #	252.32	269.86	-0.96	3.35
UK Index	145.37	148.84	-0.08	3.45
UK Smaller Cos	119.67	127.99	-1.37	1.09
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.21	25.89	+0.03	8.96
High Income	31.68	33.88	-0.41	5.37
UK Equity Income	128.11	137.02	-0.30	3.59
Global Bond	29.17	29.19	-0.06	5.14
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	42.73	45.70	-0.62	
Global Inc & Gth	126.86	135.00	-1.60	2.28
Gold & Intl Res	102.38	109.50	-1.71	
Global Utilities	121.92	130.53	-0.08	1.50
Overseas Funds				
American	143.90	152.96	-2.08	1.19
European	98.72	104.66	-0.34	1.42
Euro Sel Opps	142.82	151.31	-0.14	
Amer Emerging	98.75	105.61	-2.23	
Hong Kong	129.17	138.64	-2.97	1.78
Japan	236.06	250.79	-8.28	
Pacific Growth	199.91	213.81	-1.80	1.54
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	209.09	209.09	-0.96	2.26
Long Term Bal	229.06	229.06	-1.04	3.28
Med Term Bal	195.56	195.56	-0.63	3.72
UK Equity	239.89	239.89	-0.17	2.71
UK Emerging Cos	135.83	135.83	-0.74	2.38
American	236.79	236.79	-1.09	1.55
Japan	113.70	113.70	-4.93	
European	257.40	257.40	-0.34	1.45
Index Linked Gilt	169.24	169.24	-0.42	2.96
Fixed Interest	156.73	156.73	-0.48	6.71
Amer Emerging	256.80	256.80	+5.64	0.12
Pacific	215.61	215.61	-2.32	1.11
Emerging Mkts	113.35	113.35	-1.88	0.06
Index Stat Japan	154.16	154.16	-8.86	0.35
-do- Pacific Rim	170.65	170.85	-2.89	1.50
-do- Cont Europe	145.93	145.93	-3.22	2.08
Index Stat USA	135.26	135.26	-1.19	2.25
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	98.54	104.83	-0.47	
Med Term Bal	92.92	98.85	-0.32	
Long Term Bal	102.91	109.48	-0.50	
UK Equity	110.82	117.89	-0.08	
UK Emerging Cos	63.63	67.69	-0.37	
American	109.56	116.55	-0.85	
Japan	54.47	57.94	-2.51	
European	113.00	120.83	-0.15	
Fixed Interest	79.20	84.25	-0.25	
Index Linked Gilt	79.10	84.15	-0.33	
Deposit	80.54	86.00	-0.05	
Brokers Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	112.00	119.10	-0.60	
Berkeley Income #	109.76	116.70	-1.00	3.26
BWH Intl	131.94	139.35	-1.31	0.91
Britsh Gilt Port Inc	59.56	63.28	-3.34	1.90
-do- Inc Port Inc	55.65	58.73	-4.99	3.40
-do- Wwide Prtf	51.63	54.89	-0.95	
Shaw Utilities	52.24	56.13	-0.54	
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Japan Trust	194.70	207.89	+5.29	
Japan Special Sits	205.60	218.11	+1.78	
Pacific Smlr Cos	224.26	239.95	-2.86	0.01
North American	234.67	249.67	+1.41	0.25
American Smaller	105.32	113.19	-0.47	
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	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	96.97	101.40	-0.50	2.81
Capital	168.50	176.40	-0.20	1.71
Dollar	344.60	381.00	-3.60	0.15
Enterprise Gth	316.00	330.80	-0.70	1.81
European	218.20	229.40	-2.20	1.02
Far East	297.50	311.50	-3.40	6.50
Financial	792.50	829.80	-0.40	1.94
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.25	26.26	-0.04	7.52
High Yield	100.80	105.30	-0.60	4.14
Income & Growth	140.60	147.20	-0.90	3.43
International	247.50	259.50	+3.00	0.02
Japan Gwth	203.30	213.40	+7.60	
Japan Tech	81.71	85.55	+2.32	
Nat Resources	69.45	72.72	-0.24	
Portfolio	70.13	73.49	-0.45	1.36
Smaller Cos	121.70	127.49	-0.50	1.68
Special Sits	146.10	152.90	-0.56	1.53
UK Emerging Cos	88.57	92.74	-0.22	1.05
US Smaller Cos	87.43	91.53	+1.43	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 181 800 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	98.29	105.00	-0.10	6.01
Capital	575.65	611.20	-2.00	2.46
Income #	548.25	585.10	-1.30	5.21
Footsie Fund	53.75	54.02	-0.10	2.80
Tonat Index	104.10	111.10	-0.30	2.12
UK Index	136.50	145.70	-0.10	3.17
International Funds				
American Growth	482.70	515.20	+5.20	0.59
American Index	203.50	216.80	+2.00	1.22
European Growth	107.70	114.60	-0.70	0.33
Eurotrack 100	155.20	166.00	-0.90	0.59
Global Bond	20.77	21.91	+0.29	5.86
Japan Growth	281.10	299.20	-10.80	
Japan Index	81.97	87.37	-3.94	0.17
Japan Smlr Cos	71.84	73.98	-0.52	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	52.14	55.65	+0.57	0.23
Hong Kong Growth	92.65	98.60	+2.36	1.43
Singapore & Malaysian Gth	70.60	75.35	-0.19	
Tiger Index	187.40	200.00	-3.20	1.45
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	29.51	30.68	-0.37	1.16
General Funds				
Managed	70.37	73.15	-0.21	1.84
Rucrsf Child Fnd	94.18	87.51	-0.40	2.58
UK Growth	59.26	61.66	-0.16	2.32
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	81.10	84.30	-0.34	6.85
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.81	26.62	-0.11	7.90
UK Inc & Gwth	40.05	41.63	-0.19	3.78
UK Income	234.70	247.90	-3.00	3.41
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	48.86	50.67	+0.41	0.24
Amer Smlr Cos	115.80	120.40	-2.50	
(Accum Units)	117.02	121.60	-2.53	
Europe Gth	148.50	154.00	-1.00	0.25
(Accum Units)	153.50	159.20	-1.00	0.25
Euro Smaller Cos	27.47	28.56	-0.15	
French Growth	78.70	81.80	-1.97	0.25
(Accum Units)	84.42	87.75	-1.15	0.25
H Kong & China	72.43	75.29	-1.33	1.76
Intl Growth	56.46	58.69	+0.71	0.57
(Accum Units)	56.95	59.18	+0.71	0.57
Japan Gth	32.67	33.96	-1.21	
(Accum Units)	32.67	33.96	-1.21	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.65	39.14	+0.31	
Glob Emg Mkts	87.35	90.80	-0.49	
(Accum Units)	87.97	91.44	-0.48	
SE Asia	296.50	308.20	-3.10	0.30
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.01	56.70	+0.27	5.76
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cos	131.70	140.00	-3.20	
Income	148.07	157.52	+1.12	3.87
UK Growth	55.32	58.84	+0.48	0.59
International	73.75	78.45	+1.37	0.08
Ecology	78.86	83.91	+0.77	1.29
European	121.22	128.52	-0.92	
Far Eastern	278.00	295.60	-5.20	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.81	51.93	-0.27	7.41
Gilt Yield	113.50	119.90	+0.20	6.69
Global Income	205.70	218.80	+0.80	4.13
High Yield	133.20	141.70	-0.50	6.25
(Accum Units)	407.60	433.60	-1.70	6.25
Smlr Cos Div	49.38	52.53	-0.37	3.19
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	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Master Trust	56.68	60.30	-0.41	1.44
-do- Acc	63.27	67.31	-0.47	1.44
N American Cos	177.40	188.82	+1.20	1.18
-do- Acc	204.90	218.60	+1.40	1.18
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.80	146.60	-3.10	
-do- Acc	140.60	149.60	+3.20	
Pacific Basin	235.20	250.30	+10.70	0.73
-do- Acc	250.00	266.00	+11.40	0.73
Small Cos Rec	358.90	377.80	+2.60	2.09
-do- Acc	480.08	505.39	+3.40	2.09
UK Growth	85.74	89.89	-1.25	2.63
-do- Acc	101.80	108.30	-1.50	2.63
Worldwide Gth	303.10	322.50	+4.30	0.57
-do- Acc	447.10	475.70	+6.10	0.57
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	65.45	70.23	-0.08	0.10
General	65.33	71.55	-0.06	2.59
Income	62.50	67.05	+0.06	3.50
International	62.07	65.59	-1.03	0.40
Japan	58.10	62.33	+2.91	
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.86	68.52	+0.49	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	387.00	409.30	+2.30	0.63
(Accum Units)	482.20	510.00	+3.70	0.63
Amer Recovery	459.90	486.30	-14.20	0.46
(Accum Units)	527.70	558.00	+18.30	0.46
Amer Smlr Cos	130.30	137.80	+2.50	
(Accum Units)	133.10	140.80	+2.60	
Australasian	149.90	158.50	+2.80	2.25
(Accum Units)	183.40	194.00	+3.50	2.25
Capital	611.90	658.60	+1.40	2.77
(Accum Units)	931.50	985.10	+1.50	2.77
Charifund	682.00	688.90	+0.40	5.75
(Accum Units)	£31.83	£32.15	+2.10	5.75
Commodity	387.40	409.70	+0.10	0.46
(Accum Units)	568.70	601.50	+0.10	0.46
Compound Grth	934.20	987.90	+4.20	3.14
(Accum Units)	979.30	£10.35	+4.40	3.14
Dividend	40.10	42.40	-0.10	4.35
(Accum Units)	166.30	176.00	-0.30	4.35
Equity Income	332.90	352.00	+0.40	4.87
(Accum Units)	432.40	457.30	+0.50	4.87
Euro & General	487.90	516.00	+0.40	1.24
(Accum Units)	817.10	852.70	+0.50	1.24
Euro Dividend	69.50	73.50	-0.20	3.61
(Accum Units)	83.60	88.40	-0.30	3.61
Extra Yield	405.60	428.90	-0.29	4.86
(Accum Units)	£12.81	£13.55	-0.60	4.86
Far Eastern	332.60	351.70	+5.80	0.63
(Accum Units)	441.50	466.90	+7.70	0.63
Fund of Inv Tsts	600.60	635.10	+2.30	2.03
(Accum Units)	£11.21	£11.86	+4.30	2.03
General	60.00	63.40	-0.10	3.92
(Accum Units)	168.60	178.40	-0.20	3.92
Gilt Income	59.04	59.12	+0.26	8.10
(Accum Units)	164.38	164.62	+0.72	8.10
Gold	63.20	66.80	-1.40	0.86
(Accum Units)	74.70	78.90	-1.80	0.86
High Income	28.10	29.70		4.58
(Accum Units)	112.70	119.20	-0.30	4.86
Intl Growth	73.30	77.50	+0.80	1.12
(Accum Units)	127.80	135.20	-1.40	1.12
International Inc	95.40	100.90	-1.00	4.86
(Accum Units)	143.60	151.50	+0.60	4.86
Japan & Gen	43.60	46.10	+1.50	
(Accum Units)	46.89	49.58	+1.60	
Japan Smlr Cos	149.80	158.20	+3.07	
(Accum Units)	150.70	159.30	+3.00	
Managed Income	26.90	28.20		4.00
Midland	60.30	63.80	-0.10	2.34
(Accum Units)	201.50	213.20	-0.30	3.34
Pension Ex	932.30	955.70	+0.50	4.37
Recovery	40.60	42.90	-0.10	2.72
(Accum Units)	66.70	70.50	-0.20	2.72
Second General	67.00	70.90	-0.30	3.77
(Accum Units)	174.60	184.10	-0.91	3.77
Smaller Cos	65.80	69.60	+0.30	3.33
(Accum Units)	131.10	138.60	+0.70	3.33
Sterling Hi Int	23.99	24.08	+0.14	8.68
Trecorn	25.08	25.12	+0.02	6.35
Trustee	40.60	42.90	+0.30	4.50
(Accum Units)	163.40	173.10	+1.30	4.50
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing 01277 261 010 Enq 01903 204 631				
European Growth	79.07	84.11	-0.56	1.88
Intl Bond	64.73	68.07	+0.14	5.77
Intl Equity Growth	70.05	74.42	+0.72	0.89
N Amer Growth	95.31	101.39	+0.72	1.05
Special Sits Growth	20.84	22.16		2.04
UK Growth	362.60	385.70	-0.40	2.96
(Accum Units)	479.40	509.90	-0.60	2.96
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.81	£13.65	-0.80	3.40
Income #	965.00	979.70	-3.90	4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.60	138.60	+3.40	4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	196.10	209.70	-0.29	2.54
Gilt & Fxd Int	166.70	175.60	+0.80	8.71
Intl Growth	206.80	216.00	+3.50	0.36
North American	183.80	196.00	+1.50	0.83
Far East	256.10	273.30	+3.10	1.43
UK Smaller Cos	167.80	179.20	+1.80	1.85
European	78.63	83.63	+0.01	0.22
Japanese Growth	48.77	51.91	-2.35	
High Income	183.50	196.30	-0.40	4.37
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 686				
M & S Inv Ptflo	149.90	157.80	+0.40	3.20
-do- Accum	172.90	181.60	+0.40	3.20
UK Sel Ptflo	128.80	135.60	-0.30	3.52
-do- Accum	149.70	157.60	-0.40	2.52
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	66.78	70.04	-0.71	3.89
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4648				
Intl Income	70.14	74.46	-0.19	4.46
European	80.76	85.73	-0.44	1.03
Income #	72.69	77.17	-0.04	5.31
Nth American	63.41	67.31	+0.96	0.55
Far East	161.70	171.70	-4.60	
Japan	55.45	58.86	-2.48	
Emerging Mkts	85.37	91.30	-1.95	
Intl Growth	106.40	113.00	+2.00	0.61
UK Growth	89.55	95.06	-0.15	1.54
UK Smlr Co	44.42	47.15	-0.08	1.18
Asian Opps Fd	34.62	37.03	+0.50	0.37
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	407.37	433.37	-0.69	4.12
General Inc	67.14	71.42	-0.04	2.98
Bnt Leaders	347.23	370.03	-0.09	2.42
Intl Leaders	201.23	214.07	+0.67	0.77
PAM Mg Bal Grt	60.77	63.14	+0.49	0.86
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing 0171 280 2060				
American	202.30	215.60	+2.60	
(Accum Units)	216.70	229.60	+0.70	
American Opps	91.52	97.62	-1.26	
(Accum Units)	92.66	98.84	+1.26	
British Blue Chip	77.65	82.49	-0.19	2.91
(Accum Units)	95.40	102.40	-0.20	2.91
Cash	101.10	101.10	+0.10	6.01
(Accum Units)	133.80	133.80	+0.10	6.01
Emerging Mkts	92.72	99.70	-1.10	0.14
(Accum Units)	92.87	99.78	-1.12	0.14
European Growth	242.90	257.10	-1.50	0.18
(Accum Units)	261.90	277.20	-1.50	0.18
European Income	83.42	88.08	-0.37	3.26
(Accum Units)	112.30	118.80	-0.50	3.26
General	487.20	518.70	-0.40	2.33
(Accum Units)	966.20	[illegible]	-1.00	2.33
Global Bond	126.26	132.68		5.21
(Accum Units)	155.50	163.49	+0.10	5.21
Gold & General	198.00	212.98	-4.30	0.42
(Accum Units)	203.20	218.50	-4.50	0.42
Govt Securities	97.15	97.54	-0.33	5.90
(Accum Units)	175.50	180.90	+0.60	5.90
Income	147.60	156.70	-1.30	4.53
(Accum Units)	232.40	247.30	-1.70	4.53
Inc Portfolio #	93.67	99.54	-0.12	5.27
(Accum Units) #	95.97	101.80	-0.10	5.27
Intl Opps	450.40	480.10	+6.60	0.19
(Accum Units)	601.50	641.20	+8.80	0.16
Japan	167.30	177.90	-7.09	
(Accum Units)	172.40	182.80	+7.40	
New Europe	170.70	182.10	-0.30	1.10
(Accum Units)	176.00	187.72	-0.40	1.10
Pacific	108.30	115.50	-1.40	0.88
(Accum Units)	115.90	123.60	-1.50	0.88
Recovery	281.50	300.30	+0.80	0.96
(Accum Units)	359.20	383.10	+0.90	0.96
UK Smaller Cos	51.66	55.41	+0.09	0.93
(Accum Units)	58.81	62.73	+0.12	0.93
Portfolio	78.07	82.87	-0.25	2.79
(Accum Units)	93.17	98.84	+0.30	2.79
Managed Grth	99.78	104.10	+0.15	1.90
Managed Inc	101.30	105.60	-0.20	4.26
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	123.48	128.72	-0.55	0.59
Portfolio	65.29	69.46	-0.13	0.58
UK Income Inc	73.69	78.10	-0.62	4.79
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq 0345 456 123 Dlg 0345 456 126				
Balanced	58.79	61.56	+0.18	3.38
(Accum Units)	62.90	65.86	+0.10	3.38
British Tst	83.13	87.05	-0.22	2.14
(Accum Units)	97.57	102.10	-0.20	2.14
Extra High Inc	65.85	68.85	+0.02	6.58
(Accum Units)	128.60	134.60		6.58
FT-SE 100 Acc	54.44	57.00	-0.11	2.86
FT-SE 100 Dist	53.59	56.12	-0.11	2.86
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.45	55.63	-0.10	7.00
(Accum Units)	156.80	163.20	+0.70	7.00
High Yield	215.70	225.90	-0.20	5.70
(Accum Units)	540.37	565.70	-0.50	5.70
Income	277.50	290.60	-0.60	3.68
(Accum Units)	612.20	641.00	-1.30	3.68
Money Market UT	49.60	49.61	+0.03	5.38
(Accum Units)	78.00	78.02	-0.05	5.36
Monthly Income	83.09	87.01	-0.05	5.31
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	101.80	109.30	-0.20	1.61
European Growth	98.70	104.80		0.02
Gilt & Fixed	85.57	90.78	+0.37	6.11
Income	83.22	88.53	-0.24	2.89

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	52.67	55.73	+2.85	
Managed	67.84	72.28	-0.49	2.43
Money Market	87.39	92.66	+0.06	4.34
North American	87.39	92.83	+0.55	0.48
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	92.43	98.23	-0.24	1.89
European Growth	92.84	98.41	+0.61	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.57	86.40	+0.36	5.09
Income	81.74	86.96	-0.05	2.90
Japan Growth	52.44	55.58	+2.81	
Managed	65.62	69.79	+0.20	2.38
Money Market	80.85	85.67	+0.07	4.28
North American	79.51	84.28	+0.42	0.58
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	92.30	98.19	-0.24	1.79
European Growth	90.89	96.12	+0.82	
Gilt & Fixed Int	74.51	79.04	+0.31	8.24
Income	80.82	85.77	-0.23	2.98
Japan Growth	53.61	56.83	+2.82	
Managed	67.71	72.03	-0.51	2.41
Money Market	75.16	79.68	+0.05	4.37
North American	89.02	93.30	+0.53	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.24	13.02		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers 0171 826 0826 Enquiries 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	339.90	360.70	+4.40	
European Gth Inc	413.60	442.60	+1.60	0.30
(Accum Units)	418.10	447.40	+1.60	0.30
Intl Gwth	190.10	202.80	+1.50	
UK Equity Inc	180.90	192.70		3.12
UK Intl Tndr Inc	157.20	168.10	+0.30	2.94
(Accum Units)	186.50	199.50	+0.30	2.94
US Eq Intl Idx Inc	202.60	214.80	+1.80	1.31
Japan Trader	78.14	82.75	+4.02	
Asian Trader	192.10	207.70	+2.90	0.31
Managed Inc	152.30	162.20	+0.70	1.42
Deposit Inc	99.81	99.81	-0.23	4.75
Europa	170.80	184.00	+0.10	
Gilteds	149.60	163.00	+0.90	2.24
High Income	21.25	22.54		10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	83.97	90.82	+0.59	2.86
Acumen Inc	87.97	88.89	+0.56	2.86
Acumen Reserve	83.69	84.53	+0.27	0.86
-do- Inc	70.74	71.45	+0.22	8.88
American Growth	150.20	155.00	+8.30	
Cash Income	49.90	49.90	+0.03	5.98
Equity Income #	93.36	99.87	+0.36	4.82
European	76.35	72.06	-0.83	0.48
Smaller Cos	74.89	79.75	+0.59	1.35
W'wide Eqty	63.48	64.32	+0.64	0.54
Global Bond	43.97	44.47	+0.05	6.63
UK Growth	92.08	95.11	+0.29	2.14
Pacific Growth	101.90	105.10	+1.80	6.03
Japan Growth	93.24	95.03	+4.66	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 261 010				
Auto Equity	119.84	127.49	-0.47	2.82
NSP UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	71.66	76.26	-0.05	2.20
UK Income	106.70	113.60	-0.97	3.94
Higher Income	206.99	220.19	-0.84	4.80
Smaller Cos	78.46	83.47	+3.50	2.23
International	93.62	99.60	-0.57	1.86
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	101.10	107.60	+0.54	0.68
European Dist	110.20	117.20	-0.30	
Far East Dist	174.50	185.60	+4.40	
Global Care Dist	67.95	71.97	+0.48	1.07
Oseas Dist	998.30	£10.62	+14.10	0.15
(Accum Units)	£12.59	£13.78	+18.30	0.15
UK Dist	342.80	364.50	-0.20	2.84
(Accum Units)	671.90	714.80	-0.40	2.84
UK Extra Inc Dist	78.05	80.90	+0.25	4.16
Wwide Dist	102.27	108.80	+0.67	0.37
Wwide Inc Dist	69.48	73.91	+0.89	2.86
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg 01277 690 280 Admin Enq 01277 690 396				
Europe Inc	81.82	85.25	-0.15	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	57.25	60.42	+0.35	0.86
North America Inc	49.19	51.92	+0.36	0.50
UK Equity Gth Inc	57.55	60.74	+0.04	2.06
(Accum Units)	59.73	63.04	+0.04	2.06
UK General Inc	56.05	59.16	-0.09	2.54
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	45.80	48.33	+0.16	7.26
UK Income Inc	56.04	59.14	-0.13	3.94
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 39 00 00				
Bond	117.46	124.69	+0.37	6.99
Bridge Fund	82.37	87.63		2.23
Distributor	89.60	95.39	+0.08	3.44
Foundation	89.45	95.72	+0.28	3.70
General	177.54	189.88	+1.35	2.25
Global	311.75	331.85	+2.39	0.43
Growth	118.61	126.40	-1.63	2.60
Higher Income Inc	26.35	28.19	-0.05	4.41
Income	229.81	234.91	+0.99	3.79
Intrepid	113.37	119.10	+1.92	2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Growth Tst	35.56	38.03	+0.14	0.20
Cash Income	50.88	50.88	+0.04	5.59
European Gwth	38.88	41.45	-0.25	0.21
Intl Gwth	29.04	31.05	+0.32	0.44
Japan Gwth	27.24	29.13	+0.98	
Managed Tst Inc	46.70	49.94	+0.98	2.32
Oriental Opps Inc	133.80	143.10	+3.54	0.25
Property Shares	31.92	34.13	+0.97	0.89
Smaller Cos	29.58	31.61	-0.24	1.38
UK Growth Tst	25.54	27.31	-0.06	2.74
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.03	74.89	+0.31	1.83
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.03	70.62	-0.17	2.90
Exempt (C)	29.84	30.79		1.76
Gemma	49.33	52.59	-0.30	
High Income	70.98	75.88	-0.20	4.95
Magd Ptflo Inc	101.79	108.79		1.67
Magd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90		1.67
Monthly Income	75.59	80.74	+0.04	4.36
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	94.97	100.59	+0.20	2.19
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 334				
Master Trust	120.34	128.67	+0.89	1.90
UK Equity	135.32	143.50	-0.25	3.17
UK Equity Income	120.57	127.44	-0.59	3.33
UK Smaller Cos	113.06	119.01	+0.84	1.59
UK Equity Growth	127.26	133.90	-0.05	2.41
Intl Index Trckg	144.66	152.27	+2.80	1.17
International	232.02	244.23	+3.61	0.49
European	193.90	204.10	-0.72	0.63
Pan European	129.30	136.11	-0.06	1.52
Nth American	174.02	183.18	+2.66	0.10
N Amer Smlr Cos	187.94	197.83	+2.71	
Japanese	93.41	98.33	+4.39	
Pacific	221.82	233.50	+5.78	0.36
South East Asian	236.65	249.47	+4.36	0.57
Intl Bond	136.38	143.45	+0.76	3.82
Gilt & Convertible	103.18	108.61	+0.40	6.35
Property	80.03	86.35	+0.15	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	243.30	261.10	-1.50	0.09
(Accum Units)	257.40	276.30	-1.60	0.09
Japan Inc	111.30	118.70	+4.50	
Nth American Inc	109.80	114.40	+2.20	0.47
Worldwide Inc	151.80	162.20	+2.10	0.81
Hong Kong Inc	130.60	140.30	+3.60	1.04
Wwide Bond Inc	60.12	63.63	-0.23	6.48
Emrgng Asia Inc	203.10	221.00	+3.70	
(Accum Units)	203.90	221.69	+3.70	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.45	50.45	+0.04	6.14
Thailand Inc	151.70	163.30	+3.20	0.98
Gold Trust Inc	69.72	75.73	-1.69	0.76
New Zealand Inc	91.56	98.44	+1.84	1.43
Intl Magd PEP Inc	80.47	84.94	+0.41	1.19
Latin Am Emrg Inc	49.14	53.36	-2.25	
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	57.18	61.36	-0.06	2.28
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trackers	75.25	80.46	+1.43	
Global Portfolio	66.96	71.62	+0.91	
Global Opps	64.16	68.62	+0.63	
Larch Global Gth	61.07	64.78	+0.38	
AMG Global Equity	53.15	56.33	+0.54	
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	88.69	95.41	-0.41	
Temple Equity Inc	42.75	46.81	-0.15	2.72
Hanley Growth	71.35	75.63	+0.30	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	82.14	87.85	-0.53	0.29
IPS Portfolio Inc	78.04	83.47	+0.79	
St Jms Mkr Inc Inc	47.69	49.81	+0.13	
Premier Pfts Inc	65.52	70.07	+0.44	1.90
Roxburgh Stat Gth	69.49	74.32	+0.16	0.35
Tech Analysis	97.91	103.10	-1.10	
Rosebery Growth	46.18	50.46	-0.82	0.34
International Strat	73.66	78.44	-0.91	
UFC Ind-Acr Grth	52.76	56.32	+0.40	
Coverdale Topest	47.07	50.77	+0.02	
Preso Equity Inc	108.40	114.00		
Lowe Intl Growth	45.66	48.06	+0.51	1.05
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg 0800 626 577 Enq 01733 470 470				
Equity	239.30	254.50	+0.60	2.73
(Accum Units)	505.10	537.30	+1.20	2.73
Growth	155.60	163.10	+0.16	2.86
Income	232.30	247.00	-0.30	3.67
Intl Equity	248.70	264.60	+3.30	1.23
(Accum Units)	274.90	292.40	+3.50	1.23
UK Income	64.93	69.07	-0.03	3.58
UK Intl 25	79.09	84.14	+0.37	2.44
New Europe	76.77	81.67	-0.26	1.09
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	572.21	611.99	+6.78	0.78
(Accum Units)	572.80	612.63	+6.79	0.78
Income	353.86	378.46	-0.58	3.43
Wwide Recovery	371.25	397.06	+7.07	0.64
Amer Growth Inc	220.63	236.04	+4.03	0.01
(Accum Units)	220.69	236.04	+4.02	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	227.41	243.22	+1.64	0.36
Far East Gth Inc	265.38	283.83	+6.74	0.41
(Accum Units)	265.38	283.83	+6.74	0.41
Euro Gwth Inc	140.64	150.64	+0.65	1.08
(Accum Units)	141.20	151.02	-0.64	1.08
UK Growth Inc	88.93	95.12	-0.21	2.83
(Accum Units)	93.52	100.03	-0.22	2.83
High Income	95.65	102.31	+0.04	4.06
Jap Gwth Inc	219.78	234.25	+9.39	0.01
(Accum Units)	219.78	234.25	+9.39	0.01
PEP Growth	115.50	123.54	+1.16	1.99
Asian Sllr Mkts Inc	114.99	122.99	+1.81	0.01
(Accum Units)	114.38	122.99	+1.01	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	127.23	136.08	+2.49	0.01
(Accum Units)	127.23	136.08	+2.49	0.01
Global Bond	54.18	57.88	+0.12	5.62
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.31	83.76	+2.84	1.69
(Accum Units)	81.35	87.02	+3.94	1.65
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 281 3927				
American	96.86	103.06	+1.48	
European	68.25	72.61	+0.10	
Global	59.10	62.87	+0.76	
Pacific	54.57	58.05	+1.29	
UK Inc & Grth	63.32	67.36	+0.27	1.94
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2550 540				
BPA Director Dlgs	89.34	95.79	+0.63	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq 0171 638 0808 Dlg 01277 690 438				
Fund of Funds	155.11	164.14	+1.54	0.10
Emerg Mkts	42.87	45.97	+0.12	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	60.10	63.76	+0.59	2.50
Growth Income	62.67	66.43	+0.20	2.32
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	132.33	140.78	+0.67	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries 0171 280 3700 Dealing 0800 282 443				
American Income	89.78	95.31	+0.15	3.62
Conv & Gilt	108.70	115.80	-0.40	6.39
European Income	72.17	76.78	-0.54	2.91
Extra Income	148.38	157.70	-0.20	3.76
(Accum Units)	181.60	193.20	-0.20	3.76
Far East	365.40	388.80	+10.00	0.08
(Accum Units)	372.30	396.10	+10.10	0.08
Global Income	24.96	26.55	+0.12	4.50
High Income	114.30	121.60	-1.40	3.46
(Accum Units)	135.60	144.30	-1.70	3.46
International	190.60	202.78	+2.60	0.66
(Accum Units)	195.40	208.60	+2.70	0.66
Pref & Fxd Int	43.36	46.15	+0.07	7.85
Recovery	72.32	76.93	-1.50	2.74

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Special Sits	106.70	113.50	+0.60	1.09
(Accum Units)	115.50	122.90	+0.70	1.09
Technology	401.40	427.00	+19.20	
UK Blue Chip	68.91	73.31	-0.16	2.50
(Accum Units)	77.07	81.99	-0.19	2.50
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 5063				
Equity Gth	176.50	187.80	+0.80	1.77
European Gth	96.35	102.50	-0.58	0.48
Income & Gth #	134.10	142.70	-0.50	3.07
Japan Gth	117.70	125.10	+8.10	
Nth Amer Gth	125.70	133.70	+0.90	0.19
Overseas Gth	92.40	98.22	+1.59	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq 0171 911 4400				
Managed Tst	35.42	37.74	-0.02	1.84
Cash Home Inc	101.45	101.99	+0.06	4.86
Cash Home Acc	112.09	112.64	+0.07	4.86
Dist Trust Inc	94.39	97.70	-1.21	0.28
Dist Trust Acc	98.83	102.41	+0.13	0.28
Global Growth	88.86	94.82	+0.73	0.72
Equity Inc	80.86	86.04	-1.22	3.59
Equity	709.13	754.38	-18.82	2.40
European	211.80	219.48	+0.26	0.86
High Income	86.56	92.08	+0.48	5.11
Intl Grth	182.29	193.92	+2.11	0.91
Intl Sm Co	78.80	86.85	+1.00	0.48
Japanese	215.88	223.17	+10.50	
Nth Amer	170.78	176.97	+1.49	1.49
Pacific Mkts	101.33	104.79	+2.58	0.80
Premier Inc	46.72	48.62	+0.42	6.81
Smr Cos	84.59	90.41	+0.71	1.97
Spec Sits	107.08	113.91	+0.86	2.49
UK Growth	120.68	126.28	-0.12	2.38
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	295.50	314.58	+0.90	3.24
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock.				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	520.74	553.63	+7.28	0.87
FA America (Acc)	608.60	647.25	+8.52	0.87
FA UK Equity Inc	157.35	167.86	-0.44	3.94
FA Japan	259.97	276.37	+11.91	
FA Major UK Cos	95.51	101.83	-0.02	2.44
FA Smlr UK Cos	289.20	305.75	+2.90	1.37
FA European	311.44	330.79	-1.85	0.62
FA Amer Smlr Cos	45.28	48.59	+0.64	0.20
FA Asia	45.93	48.48	+0.84	0.20
FA Jap Smlr Cos	43.31	46.27	+0.35	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	97.20	102.31	-0.07	
UK Smlr Cos	81.15	85.41	+0.58	
UK Income	95.57	100.59	-0.27	
America	104.56	110.08	+1.46	
Japanese	57.18	60.18	+2.59	
European	100.03	105.29	-0.59	
Gilt	88.60	92.62	+0.35	
Deposit	84.17	88.60	+0.07	
Managed	98.41	103.58	+0.42	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	94.62	99.59	-0.02	
UK Smaller Cos	79.24	83.40	+0.53	
UK Income	93.22	98.12	-0.29	
America	101.78	107.11	+1.41	
Japanese	55.84	58.56	+2.52	
European	97.42	102.54	-0.58	
Gilt	86.69	91.25	+0.30	
Deposit	80.22	84.44	+0.07	
Managed	91.56	96.39	+0.08	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices 01733 282 828 Gen Enq 01733 390 000				
United States	80.81	86.28	+0.64	0.21
Pacific Basin	73.80	79.26	+3.29	
High Inc Dist	130.70	139.70	-0.60	5.08
Ryl Life Intl Grwy	59.97	63.57	+0.25	3.98
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.76	70.67	+1.06	0.03
Ryl Life Intl Spec	80.96	84.78	+0.74	
UK Emerging Cos	120.90	130.60	-0.10	1.18
UK Index Trckg	162.90	173.50	+1.20	3.80
European	128.20	135.48	-0.20	0.28
Managed	144.50	155.30	+0.80	0.76
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 794 400				
American Growth	148.80	155.00	+2.60	0.41
European Growth	110.60	118.90	+0.30	1.19
Far East Growth	124.40	132.40	+1.30	0.60
Japan Growth	136.50	145.00	+7.20	
Special Sits	189.50	201.50	+2.30	1.58
UK Growth	76.51	81.38	+0.46	2.53
Trtha General	234.70	249.78	+4.40	0.69
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	154.30	163.10	+2.80	0.59
Gt Euro Prog Inc	322.60	341.40	-2.60	0.54
(Accum Units)	501.50	530.70	-3.10	0.54
Growth Inc	125.30	132.60	-0.10	0.84
(Accum Units)	127.70	135.10	-0.10	0.84
International Inc	324.30	343.20	+0.70	0.42
(Accum Units)	444.10	469.90	+0.10	0.42
Nth Am & Intl Inc	314.30	332.60	+3.10	0.40
UK Gen Prog Inc	217.50	230.20	-0.50	1.13
UK High Inc Inc	126.30	136.60	-1.90	3.67
SAMBA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0672				
American Gwth	64.68	68.99	+0.98	
Amer Smlr Cos	77.56	82.50	+1.00	
Asian Gwth	103.88	110.52	+1.10	0.75
European Gwth	68.41	70.65	-0.22	1.00
Global Bd	59.47	61.22	+0.61	5.60
Global Eq	52.52	56.25	-0.59	0.50
Japanese Eq	51.37	54.64	+1.52	
Japan Sm Cos	58.52	62.13	+0.66	
UK Bal	51.38	54.68	+0.23	2.80
UK Gwth	58.97	62.73	+0.32	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	69.79	74.24	+1.11	3.62
Amer Smllr Cos	114.70	122.60	+1.90	
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(Accum Units)	455.40	484.20	+5.50	1.01
European	79.41	84.69	-0.06	1.47
Japan	70.51	74.75	+3.06	0.06
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Far Eastern Inc	166.50	177.20	+3.60	0.80
(Accum Units)	190.40	202.80	+4.20	0.80
Japanese Inc	81.66	85.00	+2.16	
Nth American Inc	237.40	252.60	+1.00	0.66
(Accum Units)	262.80	278.80	+1.20	0.66

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European	127.70	137.20	-0.34	1.30
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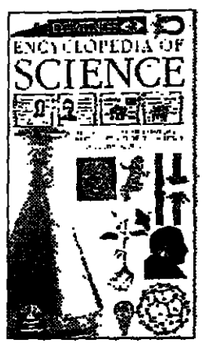
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David Hewson offers a guide to the hidden jokes that may be lurking inside your computer

How to crack an egg

Easter is always with the personal computer user. The software and computers we use every day are riddled with what the industry calls "Easter eggs" — programmers' jokes built into hardware and applications and visible only through an arcane series of key clicks.

One of the most notorious Easter eggs was in a now-obsolete software package from Borland. Get the key combination right and you could listen to a brief snatch of digitised jazz played by Philippe Kahn, at that time the music-loving chairman of the company.

Mr Kahn's insertion of his sax-playing into a piece of desktop software did not go down well with users who failed to understand why they were paying for extra hard disk space to accommodate his musical abilities.

Today, when 500 megabyte hard disks are common and an office software suite might take up a fifth of this on installation alone, the possibilities for Easter eggs are much more exciting.

The most common egg of all is a simple castlist of the programmers who worked on the application. You can often find these just by pulling down the "About" box of an application while holding down a combination of the Control, Alt and Shift keys.

The Apple Macintosh is a rich source of eggs, many of them beginning within the company itself. Anyone who opens the system file with a word processor will find a message from a bunch of programmers complaining of being held prisoner in a system software factory.

One of the common anti-virus programs for the Mac, Disinfectant, is not above a few jokes either. Pull down the About menu, wait for a few seconds, and a list of viruses will appear to the accompaniment of the theme tune from *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. Eventually they are squashed by a giant foot to the sound of a long raspberry. All this is watched by a grinning black and white photograph of the programmer.

If you open the Macintosh's Sound Manager control panel, then click on an audio option while holding down the control key, a loud roar — doubtless from the programmer — is followed by an obscure quotation from Carl Jung.

The world of Windows is full of eggs, too, and few applications seem to come out of Microsoft's Redmond headquarters without an oddity or two buried in the works. In Microsoft Word 6.0, for example, you can get a cast list by typing "T3!", making it bold, autoformatting it, choosing "About Microsoft Word" from the Help menu and then clicking on the flying icon. This is a lot of work for a mere cast list but the reward — if you deem it such — is that your own name will eventually appear on screen alongside everyone else on the Word team.

Windows 3.1 has one of the best hidden Easter eggs of all. You get this by selecting "Help, About Program Manager" three times while in Program Manager and holding down the control and shift keys throughout.

On the first time, click on the dotted left hand part of the Windows flag logo — and nothing happens, so click OK to close the box. Immediately open the same box and repeat the action — a flying flag appears. Click OK, close the box, open it again and then click on one of the four solid rectangles in the Windows flag then release the control and shift keys.

A cartoon head introduces the Windows team by their e-mail address (and if you know the general Internet address for Microsoft you can use this to send them messages directly).

The head changes depending on which of the four squares you click — one is meant to be Bill Gates, another a teddy bear.

This is such an obscure Easter egg that you wonder how on earth anyone discovered it. Purely by accident? Or are there real people out there trying every key combination to try to track down new eggs?

Don't think for a moment of joining them. Do what the rest of us do. Loiter in the odder corners of online networks and pick up the latest Easter egg lists there without the pain of having to find them in the first place.


Philippe Kahn plays jazz deep within a Borland package

A list of viruses appears to the theme from Monty Python's Flying Circus

ONLINE

Boy makes bomb from Internet recipe

IT APPEARS that the Americans are to do nothing about the appearance on the Internet of a recipe for making napalm. A teenage boy recently constructed a bomb using the recipe.

Last week, the father of the boy, from Missouri, gave police a crude napalm bomb fashioned from gunpowder, petrol and styrofoam chips.

The FBI says that the bomb-making information is protected under free speech laws and that it only investigates the online publication of obscene material such as child pornography.

In video

SOUTH Korea's Samsung Electronics has decided to join Japan's Toshiba, a front-runner in the global race for new-generation digital video disks based on the super density standard.

The Sin disk will be able to record a full-length film on each side of up to 142 minutes. It will also be able to store up to eight soundtracks. An alternative standard is being proposed by Sony and Philips. Samsung said Toshiba's disk was favoured because of "better sound and picture quality".

Switched off

THE quest for a common European power plug and socket has suffered a setback. A proposal to introduce a standard plug with two or three round pins to allow appliances to be used across Europe without adaptors has been rejected.

The British Electrotechnical Committee said it feared the proposal was unsafe because it did not include common standards for "enclosures" — the fixtures in the wall to which the sockets are attached.

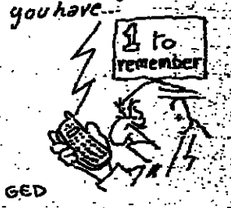
Prize cheat

A COMPUTER hacker in California who blocked radio station phone lines so that he could win contests has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Kevin Lee Poulsen, 29, a former computer security consultant to the Pentagon, admitted using his computer to win fraudulently two Porsches, $20,000 and at least two trips to Hawaii. Having blocked the incoming lines, he or a friend or a relative would call at the right moment to win a prize.

Code change

IT IS just two days until Britain's telephone numbers become a digit longer. From Sunday, a 1 must be added after the initial 0 of all British area codes.



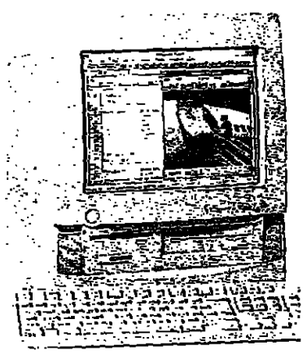
Have you changed numbers stored in telephone memories? Have you changed any numbers stored in a mobile phone? And have you changed any phone numbers stored on your PC? If you use a modem, remember to change phone numbers that may be dialled automatically from software.

Late chip

ADVANCED Micro Devices says that its K-5 chip, which it developed to compete with Intel's powerful Pentium chip, will not be generally available until early next year.

The company had been saying for months that the K-5 would be available for export this summer. Nor will it attempt to produce K-5s this year for Compaq Computers, which it already supplies with clones of Intel's 486 chips.

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One of the new Compaq PCs

Gloves come off in battle over PCs

Compaq is keeping up the pressure on its competitors, with eight new multimedia PCs having just gone into the shops barely six months after the last set.

Like earlier versions, all are multimedia and come with a CD-Rom drive, answerphone and fax software. All but one of the new models come with eight, rather than four megabytes of memory, and there is now a model on which you can watch TV on the whole screen, or reduce the size so broadcasts appear as a "window" while you use the computer for other things.

The cheapest model is down in price by a £100 to £1,300, although most of the new models follow the practice common in the PC industry of offering more for the same price, rather than the same for less. The TV model costs £1,750.

While the introduction of new models so quickly is a sign of fierce competition in the sale of PCs, the fight between manufacturers could become dirty. This week Compaq filed a lawsuit in the United States against one of its fiercest competitors, Packard Bell.

Compaq claims that Packard Bell is misleading the public by selling as new computers that contain used components. Compaq alleges that Packard Bell takes apart many of its returned goods and then uses these parts again.

Packard Bell says the lawsuit is completely without merit and is designed purely to stall its sales growth. Last November, Compaq sued Packard Bell for patent infringement. That lawsuit is still pending.

Packard Bell has become an important rival to Compaq in the past year. In 1994, it was among the fastest-growing PC makers in the retail consumer sector.

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■ THEATRE 1

At the Donmar Warehouse, *Our Boys* portrays the bitter military victims of terrorism



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Miles Kington's *Waiting for Stoppard*: a wry spoof, but not quite the touch of the master

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■ OPERA

English National Opera returns to winning ways with the revival of a superbly conducted *Così fan tutte*



■ MUSIC

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THEATRE: Self-censorship spoils promising tale of life in an army hospital; parody of Stoppard misses by Miles

Charged with malingering

Our Boys
Donmar Warehouse

The author of this play, Jonathan Lewis, clearly had some lively moments during the time he spent in the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital in Woolwich, an aspiring officer put in a side ward occupied by other ranks. At one point the practical jokers picked on a gunner who had had a circumcision because of infected genitalia. Giggling like silly schoolboys, they grabbed him, stuffed socks in his mouth, put matchsticks under his eyes, and forced him to look at pornographic photographs, hoping he would split his stitches.

"I had to tone some of this stuff down, simply because people wouldn't believe these things," Lewis informs readers of the current issue of the magazine *Time Out*.

Far be it from me to encourage yet more lubricious devilry in a London theatreland that many will feel already inhospitable enough to Aunt Edna and her kin. But I wonder if Lewis was right to censor "these things" out of his play. They might have added something much more vital than indecency. They might have provided the quirks, the oddities, the probable improbabilities that would lift *Our Boys* from what it is — solid and worthy — to what it could have been, a genuinely original slice of life.

After all, army hospitals are unexplored territory as far as the theatre is concerned. O'Casey set part of his *Silver Tassie* in one, but only part, and was never an in-patient there. That's a tough comparison, no doubt. But had the great Irishman been in Lewis's slippers, he would have had a lot more purposeful fun with the men who gave rise to *Our Boys*: the one who stayed traumatised by the IRA bombing in Hyde Park; the one with the inexplicably numb leg; the one recovering from being shot in the head, again by the IRA; the one who lost his toes because of frostbite; and, finally, the one with the infected foreskin.

Lewis has kept the original ailments intact, but respectively re-christened the patients Joe, Keith, Ian, Parry and Mick, adding what may and may not be a self-portrait in the form of Oliver, who, like himself in 1984, suffers from an ingrowing hair in the spine. The production, Lewis's own, brings some of these to more than conventional life.

DONALD COOPER



Our Boys — "The one traumatised by IRA bombing; the one with the inexplicably numb leg; the one shot in the head; the one who lost his toes because of frostbite"

Sean Gilder's Keith, an unsmiling Ulsterman battling with rage and fear yet capable of surprising tenderness, is a particular success. Jake Wood charts Ian's progress up and out of the vegetable kingdom with unsentimental sensitivity, and Lloyd Owen effectively suggests the helplessness inside the dominant and seemingly confident Joe.

The other three actors — Ian Dunn, Perry Fenwick and Marston Bloom — have less rewarding material to work with. And that is a pity, because Lewis mostly eschews plot for character and relationships. Much of the second half is taken up with the discovery by unseen nurses of illicitly imported beer bottles and the threat apparently posed by this tiny act of disobedience to the soldiers' futures; but it is hard to get very excited by the hubbub that ensues. Nor does the play really justify the robust attacks on the British military contained in the programme.

Well, yes, these men may sometimes have reason to dislike and mistrust their officers; but nearly all the damage Lewis actually shows has been inflicted by nature or terrorists. They may feel slighted, neglected and reduced to the condition of kids in the dorm; but, as Lewis himself describes the situation, the army still does not have much of a case to answer. This is a humorous, humane play from a dramatist young enough to keep developing, but it lacks surprise and bite. The Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich, still awaits its bard.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Only the butler does it

Waiting for Stoppard
Bristol New Vic

IN THE days when Miles Kington and I both wrote for *Punch*, inevitably receiving one another's mail, he came up with a *Hamlet* parody from which I treasure the following stage direction: *Enter Rosypants and Gildedstern: bums.* Those were the days when Tom Stoppard's own Hamlet play was still fresh in our minds and even then, a programme-note reveals, Kington dreamt of writing a Stoppardian play.

So here it is. Ben and Jo, the two interviewers in Kington's play, feel sure they have come to Stoppard's country house, that the man dressed as a butler who opens the door must therefore be Stoppard's butler, and that the Iranian gun-woman who corners them in the library ... well, you see their predicament. They take the order of things for granted, instead of taking it for withheld.

At the denouement of many Stoppard plays, episodes that seemed unconnected fall into a pattern. In his recent work the pattern opens our eyes to something more profound, but early on in his career the pattern, bizarre but made plausible, was all. Kington follows this simpler template in providing an acceptable explanation for the delays and lies that block his interviewers' route to Stoppard's lair. The police come into it, and Salman Rushdie, and even the twist at the end is artfully prepared.

But where Kington's wit dances with creative merriment whenever he writes lines for James — the man who, as he puts it, does the things a butler does — the two interviewers rarely come to life. Jo in particular, the Killer of Kanary Wharf, never convinces, neither in what she says nor in Isabel Brook's performance. Whenever Jonathan Rigby's James is on stage our interest quickens because the wordplay and thought play come racing. Without forsaking his condescending suavity, Rigby goes into slow motion to demonstrate his supposed master's alleged fear of sudden change. Where, for the rest of us, the clock leaps an hour each spring, at the Stoppard house it plods forward a minute on each of the preceeding 60 days. Set pieces of this sort are Kington's strength, and Caroline Maynard's direction gives Rigby his head in playing them. Elsewhere the play moves as ponderously as those minutes.

JEREMY KINGSTON

More than a match for macho men

OPERA

Così fan tutte
Coliseum

Nicolette Molnár's gently feminist production of Mozart's comedy was one of ENO's happiest offerings last season when it was new, and it is back in even happier state. Chief architect of its success on Wednesday was again the conductor, Nicholas Kok. There may be those who want more yielding tempos, more suppleness of phrase in the first act, but his businesslike approach here is part of a carefully thought-out, cunningly paced overall reading: the suppleness and warmth come in the second act, where they hurt more. The tempos are generally fleet but never unfeeling: *Così*, even with discreet cuts (as here), can seem a very, very long opera, but not with Kok in charge. It flew past.

I write "gently feminist" because without waving any placards around Molnár reminds us that the brother officers are in hot competition for the title of operatic shit of the year, progressing from being merely silly to deviousness and macho arrogance of quite the worst kind — even members of the present administration might find it hard to keep pace with them. The behaviour of the sisters, by contrast, seems perfectly reasonable, and the surprise ending, in which they leave their perfidious fiancés on the arms of mock brides and depart with a cheery wave for pastures new, is hilarious.

The cast, apart from Sally Harrison's pertly cynical Despina, is new, and very fine. I don't know where else, certainly not Bow Street, you will hear Fiordiligi better sung than by Rita Cullis; her soprano has velvety depth and resonance, and she is equally at ease with the fireworks of *Come scoglio* and the sentiment — real suppleness of phrase here — of *Per pietà*. Her "Crudeli" at the moment of surrender to Ferrando, a laser-beam of musical light, pierced the heart. She is also a brilliant deadpan comic, earning really good laughs with the minimum effort.

The American tenor Charles Workman was making his UK operatic debut. He sings a lot of Rossini at home, and so has no trouble with Ferrando's high-flying lines. The treacherous *Tradito, schernito* sounded almost easy, and I wish he had been allowed *Ah, lo veggio* — the one regrettable cut. His tone tends towards dryness, but is wonderfully secure.

Sara Fulgoni's sweet, daffy Dorabella, Peter Snipp's highly promising Guglielmo and Roger Bryson's saturnine Don Alfonso completed the cast. Maybe a little more rehearsal, at a premium with all opera companies nowadays, would have helped to crispen up both musical and dramatic ensemble, but everyone was on their toes to give the performance an energy all of its own. It was funny, fresh, blessedly unpretentious — the ENO at its best.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER



Rita Cullis and Sally Harrison in Nicolette Molnár's "gently feminist" ENO production of Mozart's comedy



Dark harmonies

CONCERT

Hilliard Ensemble
St John's, Smith Square

TWO things about the 16th-century Italian nobleman and composer Carlo Gesualdo are fairly well-known: he had his wife and her lover murdered, and he wrote madrigals with harmonies so voluptuous that their modernity surprises even today.

But the other side of the coin became obvious as his end approached and he turned his skill to more austere liturgical forms. Around the year 1610, three years before he died, Gesualdo made a setting of the *Tenebrae Responsoria*, a series of motets for Holy Week. They were given on the Tuesday of that week by the Hilliard Ensemble (expanded to six singers by David Gould and David Beavan) in St John's, Smith Square.

Hounded by grief and guilt, Gesualdo descended into morbid depression in his latter years. Nor was the masochistic self-mortification in which he indulged at this time purely spiritual: indeed, the scholar Alfred Einstein once described the Responsories as "the ultimate vehicle for self-flagellation".

The Hilliard's performance was not, then, entirely authentic. And, although it included the relevant chant antiphons (intoned by the tireless Gordon Jones), as well as the Benedictus and Miserere, also set by Gesualdo, it did not attempt to recreate the gradual extinction of candles of the Tenebrae service.

Gesualdo's harmonies in the Responsories bear only occasional, but telling, reminders of their sensual madrigalian forebears. Words such as "*impious*", "tears" or "comforted" (or rather their Latin equivalents) are coloured with affecting harmonic shifts, and the Hilliards missed not a trick.

The Ensemble, meticulous and expressive as always, also succeeded in bringing alive such phrases as "cried out" and "cried with a loud voice" (second and fifth responsories respectively) by intensifying the declamation at those points. Gesualdo's chastity, as represented in the Responsories, may be an equivocal one, as though his misspent youth had not quite been exorcised. But it makes for a remarkable act of meditation when presented with the concentration of singers as skilled as the Hilliards.

BARRY MILLINGTON

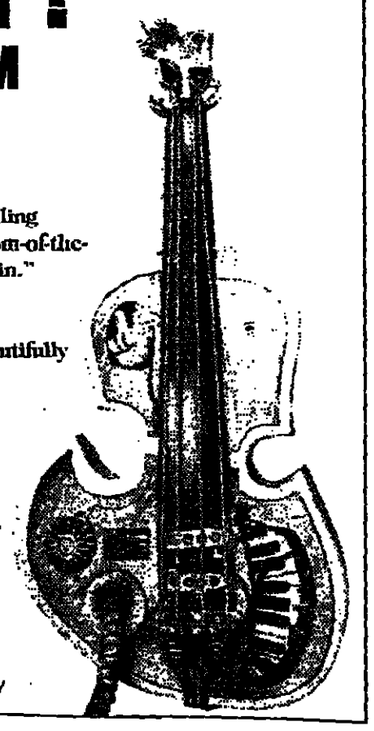
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■ WEEKEND 1

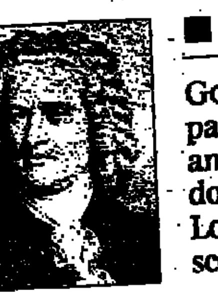
Emmylou Harris heads up a country-music gala in Glasgow, Birmingham and London



■ WEEKEND 2

What's a nice feminist like Josie Lawrence doing at Stratford in *The Taming of the Shrew*?

THE TIMES ARTS



■ WEEKEND 3

Good Friday passions: Bach and Handel dominate the London concert scene today



■ PRINT

The Tate Gallery in St Ives pays homage to Guido Morris, a master of typography

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

MUSIC AROUND TOWN: The Barbican's weekend starts with a mainly free four-day folk festival and continues with offerings of choral masterpieces from Bach and Mozart tonight and Sunday. There is more devotional music at the South Bank tonight with performances of Handel's *Messiah* and Haydn's *The Seven Last Words from the Cross*; an exploration of over 200 years of Indian and European musical exchanges changes the pace tomorrow. And, finally, Germany's Petersen Quartet reminds us of why it is much-awarded when it gives concerts at the Wigmore tomorrow and Sunday.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). **Festival Hall** and **Purcell Room**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). **Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141)

THE WINTER GUEST: Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman Macdonald's fine play about loss, survival, the perils and joys of life. Performances extended to Apr 29.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

ROMEO AND JULIET: There are just three more performances of the Royal Ballet's MacMillan production this season, a breathtaking event and well worth the effort of queueing. Sixty-five seats are on sale from 10am Sat morning, one ticket per person, standing passes on sale an hour and a half before the performance.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tomorrow, 2pm and 7pm, Apr 20, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The RSC begins previews for the second wave of its spring and summer offerings this weekend. Gale Edwards directs Michael Siberry and Josie Lawrence in **The Taming of the Shrew** while Victor Spinetti makes his Stratford debut playing the ineffable Lord Foppington in Vanbrugh's comic masterpiece **The Relapse**, Ian Judge directs.
Box Office (01789 295623). *Shrew*: Previews tomorrow-Apr 20, 7.30pm, mat Apr 20, 1.30pm, opens Apr 21, 7pm. *Relapse*: Previews tomorrow-Apr 19, 7.30pm and mat Apr 20, 1.30pm, opens Apr 20, 7pm

HARROGATE: For over 20 years, young musicians and dancers have flocked to the spa for the **International Youth Music Festival**. Performances take place in the heart of town and throughout the district, the traditional Easter Parade is always a favourite.
Information Line 01423 564433. Today until Apr 21

GLASGOW, BIRMINGHAM AND LONDON: The **Emmylou Harris, Trisha Yearwood and Marty Stuart** grand slam must be one of the biggest and best value-for-money country music package tours to visit Europe. The three main artists are each backed by their own bands, which in Harris's case may mean her celebrated Hot Band. Yearwood is currently ensconced at the top of the Billboard Country chart and Marty Stuart has notched up enough successes at home to merit his own Greatest Hits album. Good fun.
Glasgow, SEC (0141-248 9999), tonight. **Birmingham**, Symphony Hall (0121-212 3333), tomorrow. **London**, Albert Hall, SW7 (0171-589 8212), Sun. All at 7pm

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: closed today (0171-636 1555) ... **Courtauld**: Frank Dobson Sculpture (0171-873 2526) ... **National Gallery**: Spanish Still Life, from Velázquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: closed today (0171-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy**: closed today (0171-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Take Me I'm Yours (0171-402 6075) ... **Tate**: closed today (0171-887 8000) ... **V & A**: closed today (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

□ **BROKEN GLASS**: Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **DESIGN FOR LIVING**: Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

□ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 5pm

◪ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect. Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **KILLER JOE**: Utterly absorbing shock-drama by Tracy Letts where a trash-trailer family virtually annihilates itself by employing a hit-man to kill their unwanted Mom. Wilson Milam directs the original Chicago production.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm

□ **THE MOSQUITO COAST**: Outstanding production by the David Glass Ensemble, dramatising Paul Theroux's novel of the crazed American who drags his family into the jungle. Striking visual effects.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Apr 22

□ **ONE FINE DAY**: Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. Dennis Lumborg's engrossing one-man play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

■ **UNCLE VANYA**: Field Day's new version, with Stephen Rea in the title role. Goodish details in a production otherwise too sober and restrained.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Apr 26, 2pm and Sats, 4pm. Until Apr 29. First tickets available from Apr 18: returns at box office from 7pm.

◪ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**: David Thacker's production, acclaimed in Bristol and Birmingham. Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat and Sun, 3pm

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) ... ◪ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ... □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) ... □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ... ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ... □ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ... □ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) ... ■ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ... ◪ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE LITTLE RASCALS** (U): Tame adventures of innocent imps, based on the Our Gang shorts. Penelope Spheeris directs a difficult child cast.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

MURIEL'S WEDDING (15): Ugly duckling becomes swan in a boisterous, queasy Aussie comedy from P.J. Hogan.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

ONCE WERE WARRIORS (18): Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori culture ravaged by the urban ghetto. Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Electric** (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

POETIC JUSTICE (15): Over-ambitious romantic odyssey from *Boyz N the Hood* director John Singleton, with Janet Jackson and Tupac Shakur.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15): A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, Hugh Grant and Georgina Cates.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DROP ZONE** (15): Wesley Snipes goes undercover to catch sky-diving criminals. Good aerial stunts, otherwise, an empty action thriller. With Yancy Butler and Gary Busey.
Plaza (0800 888997)

◆ **DUMB & DUMBER** (12): Idiotic, good-natured comedy that outstays its welcome, with Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels. Director, Peter Farrelly.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

HOOP DREAMS (15): Marvellous documentary by Steve James, Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city kids and their dreams of playing professional basketball.
Clapham Picture (0171-498 3323) **MGM Shaftesbury Ave** (0171-836 6279)

◆ **JUST CAUSE** (18): Harvard law professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida: ludicrous investigative thriller.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NOBODY'S FOOL** (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **ONE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS** (U): Disney's pleasant, witty cartoon version of Dodie Smith's book about endangered puppies.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

Alphabetical orderly

Jim McCue on a Tate show celebrating the work of Guido Morris, a master of fine printing



Guido Morris at work: for 35 years, with purposeful restraint, this virtuoso of print used only one, ancient typeface

Now that every desktop designer can slick-and-mix from hundreds of typefaces, the Tate Gallery at St Ives is to be congratulated on noticing and honouring a purposeful restraint, in its current display *Guido Morris: A Fine Printer* (running until Sunday). For 35 years, Morris used only one typeface (how unadventurous can you get?) and the one he chose was Bembo (that old standby!) which this year is five centuries old.

And of course he printed by hand, using Gutenberg's cumbersome invention, and composed not on screen, nor even on layout sheets, but by feeling his way with leaden letters with all their stubbornness and back-to-frontery. The results are superb.

Scorning decoration, except occasionally the wood-block ornament that became his pressmark, and generally arranging everything around a vertical axis, Morris placed and spaced the letters so well that they are at once classical (he called himself the Latin Press) and distinctively his. The key is the letter-spacing: the set and fit of one letter against another.

It is a historical quirk that the elements of our alphabet are not of equal width, so that forcing them into an average unit never looks satisfactory. The problem became clear with the invention of the typewriter, and is worse on screens.

But this very difficulty makes typesetting more than a mechanical task. The rare eye that can see when to add a point of space or to close up the awkward round letters of a word such as "coop", can bring to a boarding-house notice a harmony that is uncanny. The thing seems to have a balance and power unwarranted by its simplicity.

Morris was born in 1910 and inspired by the private press movement of the day. Beatrice Warde, Edward Gordon Craig and John Johnson were among his friends and patrons. With Eric Gill he shared not just "the eye of an E. Gill" (and a sexual appetite fit to entice a biographer), but the conviction that utilitarian printing should be of the finest. Gill swore by anti-elitism, but knew the meanings of crafty — so some of his printing is shoddy, while his famous fine books were never really for the common man.

Morris, however, dedicated himself to jobbing printing in preference to books, and took literally the ideal of always making "something that was wanted". Unfortunately, it was not always ready *when* it was wanted, and his perfectionism repeatedly beggared him. He ended sadly, going bankrupt in 1953 and spending 20 years as a guard on the London Underground before dying in 1980.

Though he deserves a London showing, it is appropriate that it should be the Cornwall Tate that is reviving interest in Morris. For it was here, after the war, that he produced posters, invitations and catalogues for the St Ives group. Artists like Ben Nicholson, Bernard Leach and Barbara Hepworth presumably saw both the quality of his work and that it would not overshadow or compete with theirs. Yet traditionalist though he was, his design, as Alan and Isabella Livingston write in their evaluation, often "exhibits a feeling for abstract form" which echoes the art of the avant-garde colony.

He certainly wasn't modest about his aim, which was "to raise job printing to a level of nobility . . . it has never yet reached; to achieve a stage where printings can be framed as pictures, regardless of their matter".

One of his characteristic games was playing with the letters simply as shapes, abstracted from their expected word-groupings. A seminar at the St Ives gallery, as part of Science Week, found a precedent for so valuing the visual impact of words in the printing that Morris took as a touchstone, the pages of the earliest Italian publishers. Their exquisitely harmonious work relies on extraordinary wiles, such as contractions and unnatural word-breaks, to ensure good spacing and type "colour".

A simple poster shows what contemporary designers could learn from Guido. Given just the name W Barns Graham to display in enormous capitals, he makes three lines where anyone else would make two, producing a pyramid, solid and impressive. What a joy it would be if the St Ives Tate would now look for a new eccentric to print its own signs and labels with such spirit.

A warehouse complex in Wembley is home to an unusual exhibition. Giles Coren reports

A few surprises in store

Brian Eno, the innovative record producer, founder member of Roxy Music, and ambient-CD guru has metamorphosed, most recently, into visiting professor at the Royal College of Art and has come up with an unbeatable formula for an art exhibition: two old rock stars (the other is American avant-garde performance artist Laurie Anderson), some RCA students, and a suburban storage depot.

Self-Storage itself is as much about where it is as what it comprises or who is behind it. The gargantuan Acorn Storage Centre on Wembley Way comprises 650 units, ranging in size from box to bungalow, in which most people lock away the things they can't fit in their homes — the RCA team, however, have occupied a few, filled them with art, and left them open.

Arriving in this North London wasteland is a crucial part of the experience. The exhibition is sponsored by Artangel (the charitable body responsible last year for Rachel Whiteread's *House*) which aims to help "artists, art forms and audiences to venture into new and unfamiliar territory". Most who tread this famous path have come to watch football or lock away crates of shop-soiled longjohns. You have come for art.

It takes the form of "sculpture" — rendered here in sound and smell as well as in solid form. A yellow line on the floor guides you round the dim corridors, and among countless locked doors are those that open into exhibition pieces.

Describing them is probably futile. Individual installations are so open to interpretation that they are almost closed. The exhibition as a whole, as a "concept", is easier to discuss. "When we were putting it together," says Eno, who has taken to wearing a black fez, "there was this sense of being lost in a peculiar post-modern space."

And the post-modernity of the show itself seems to derive, in Eno's mind, from its location. "I can't imagine a space like this existing at any time before the last ten years. It is a funny modern idea to park your life out here, ten miles from London, and lead this Zen existence in town, coming out to pick things up when you need them."

"I love buildings like this on the outskirts of cities," says Anderson. "Old museums with white walls can be intimidating, but spaces like this are fun. Some people like to see paintings in silence rather than have a multimedia experience. I don't know why."

"It is great to take a vulgar, secular space like this, and charge it with new meaning," says Eno. Never before have the corrugated plastic suburbs of DIY-land seemed so full of poetry.

● *Self Storage is at Acorn Storage, First Way, Wembley until May 7. Tel 0171-494 3780 for admission details and times*

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 0171 632 8300 (24hr) ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tomor 6.30 DON GIOVANNI

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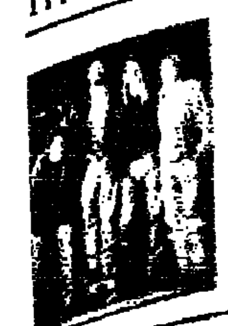
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■ POP 1

The stellar cast of *Encomium* only show that it is hard to improve on a Led Zeppelin original



■ POP 2

Charging through the battered old stanzas of his own ancient history, Bob Dylan goes unplugged on disc

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■ POP 3

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■ POP 4

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Hitch the caravan to the old banger this hols weekend, slot this killer compilation into the stereo — and *suffer*





CAITLIN MORAN

Caravanning! It's Easter holiday time, which can only mean one thing — *caravanning!* Hitting the open road with a catering-sized box of baked beans and three tin openers — "Just in case" — you'll be wanting to make up the ideal compilation tape to help suck the miles under your wheels. As compilation tapes are more vital to a driving holiday than having a car, please allow me to help you in this life-or-death task. This is how things should pan out:

Tape 1 Side 1

YOU love everyone. It appears to be sunny. You're pretending your old Vauxhall Viva is a pink convertible with the legend "Ooh Aah Cantona" emblazoned on the side in green luminous paint. You're Thelma and Louise — except one of you is a man and the other isn't Geena Davis, by any stretch of the imagination. Still. Start off with **Renegade Soundwave**'s *Renegade Soundwave*, a bass-happy tale of coming back from a party and, um, listening to some loud music.

You will play this at top volume, to test at which level the stereo distorts and starts interfering with the engine, and to let your next-door neighbours know you've left. Follow this with **Manic Street Preachers**'s squealing, fiddly-diddly guides to self-glorification, *Motorcycle Emptiness* and *You Love Us*, which will have you stepping on the gas as you pass the local primary school, and causing a near-miss with a pensioner. *Express Yourself* by **Madonna**, followed by the Chemical (*nee* Dust) Brothers' remix of **Primal Scream**'s *Jailbird* should get you to the ring road and the first emergency stop at a service station; and **Belinda Carlisle**'s *Heaven is a Place On Earth* should kick in as you head up to the flyover, from where you will survey the sordid city you're abandoning to the strains of *Hysteria Unknown* by **Strangelove**.

You will both operatically echo the way Patrick Strangelove sings the line "And in a very *sexual* way", which will make the people in the car next to you look at you most peculiar. You will be stuck wing-mirror to wing-mirror with them for the next hour, as you have reached your first contraflow and the end of side one. Turn the tape off and listen to the traffic reports on the radio. Despair.

Tape 1 Side 2

YOU'RE passing through Some Countryside on a motorway. You heard the weather report after the traffic. You need to be reminded that the Open Road is a Good Thing. The Caledonian stomp of *I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)* by **The Proclaimers** should help a little. Follow it up with *Bruce* by **ELO** (I know, I know, but you're 60 miles away from your cool friends) and *Urban Clearway* by **St Etienne**. *Truck Train Tractor* by **The Pastels** mentions lots of vehicles, so that should help; especially if it is followed by *Roadmaster* by **Gene Clarke** and *Double Vegetation* and *East Easy Rider* by **Julian Cope** — the last is about a friend who died in a crash, but try to ignore that.

You might want to bung *Roam* by the **B-52s** on next, and have a **Beatles** chaser — *Everyone's Got Something to Hide (Except For Me and My Monkey)* — as the cowbell negates the fact it's started raining. Finish with some **Crowded House** — equal parts the *Temple of Low Men* album to *Together Alone* for that essential pop kick. You should now be off the motorway and at your first stop. Go to bed.

Tape 2 Side 1

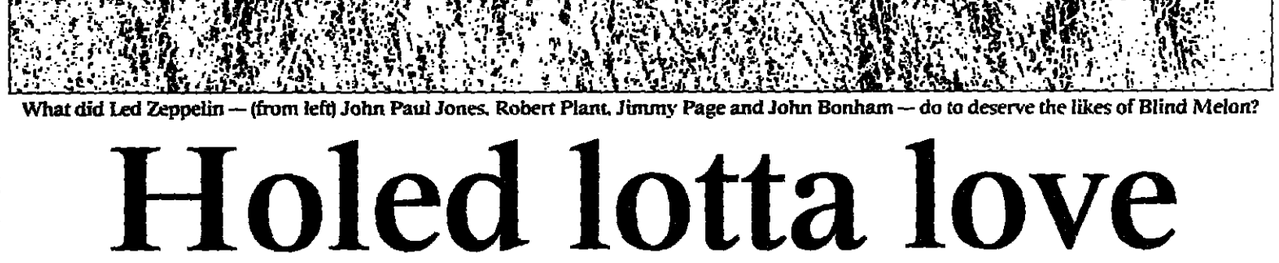
THIS should see you driving down tiny, pitted roads in the middle of the Wilderness. You will be missing home. You will be missing one tin-opener. Beans will no longer seem as attractive as of yore. You will be irrationally annoyed by how spectacular the mountains are, and long for the sight of a Marks & Spencer. Turn up that stereo and start with *Less Mellow* by **The Ruthless Rap Assassins**, as the squiggly samples and massive bassline should scare the wildlife (which will make you feel better). Follow it with *Whatta Man* by **Salt 'n' Peppa**, and *My Lovin' (You Ain't Never Gonna Get It)* by **En Vogue**. The 12in version of *Lazarus* by **The Boo Radleys**, mixed cunningly into *Planet Telex* by **Radiohead**, segued into *Freedom* by **George Michael**, and topped off by *Sabotage* by **The Beastie Boys** should cheer you up — just in time for it to start hailing.

Miserable-out with *Where Did You Sleep Last Night* from the **Nirvana** *Unplugged in New York* album, and its sister piece *A Day In The Life* by **The Beatles**, with *Good Advices* by **R.E.M.** and *Radioactivity* by **Kraftwerk**, which should lead to a massive depression session, followed by the discovery that another tin opener has gone missing. Debate whether to go home or not for an hour.

Tape 2 Side 2

MAKE the rain cease with *Six Months in a Leaky Boat* by **Split Enz** and *In The Days Before Rock'n'Roll* by **Van Morrison**. *Change*, by **The Lightning Seeds**, will bring the sun out, just in time for *Lover, You Should Have Come Over* by Jeff Buckley to cause a blizzard and gale-force winds. Check into that warm, dry hotel in the distance, and stay there, listening to *Astral Weeks* and Motown Compilations.

Caravan holidays suck.



What did Led Zeppelin — (from left) John Paul Jones, Robert Plant, Jimmy Page and John Bonham — do to deserve the likes of Blind Melon?

Holed lotta love

NEW ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** on a doubtless sincere but sadly flawed tribute to rock gods Led Zeppelin

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Encomium — A Tribute to Led Zeppelin
(Atlantic 7567-82731)

IT IS very difficult to improve on a Led Zeppelin performance, and the producers of *Encomium* have assembled a stellar cast of musicians to prove it. All American (apart from Duran Duran and Robert Plant) and all modern rockers of one sort or another (except for Tori Amos), the 12 acts do what they can to bring their choices to life.

Stone Temple Pilots give *Dancing Days* the delicate, unplugged treatment. Helmet with David Yow (of the Jesus Lizard) stick the heavy metal boot into *Custard Pie*. And Henry Rollins converts *Four Sticks* into his standard madman-on-steroids rant.

But for the rest — including 4 Non Blondes *(Misty Mountain Hop)*, Hootie & the Blowfish *(Hey Hey What Can I Do)*, Sheryl Crow *(D'yer Maker)* and Big Head Todd and the Monsters *(Tangerine)* — imitation turns out to be the only viable form of flattery. The prize for the most faithful performance goes to Cracker for their eerily accurate facsimile of *Good Times Bad Times*, while Blind Melon take the wooden spoon for their hopelessly sloppy attempt at *Out on the Tiles*.

The album closes with Plant and Amos engaged in a dotty seven-minute duet of *Down by the Seaside*, which they both seem to be singing as if completely unable to hear each other. Sadly, Rolf Harris's version of *Stairway To Heaven* is not included.

BOMB THE BASS
Clear
(Fourth & Broadway 524 061)

"I THINK it's time to discuss your philosophy of drug use as it relates to artistic endeavour," is the arresting opening gambit of *Clear*. And the third album by producer, programmer and remix artist Tim Simenon's umbrella organisation Bomb the Bass is indeed a collection which expertly celebrates a variety of "artificially" adjusted musical states — techno, ambient, trip hop, dub, a virtual catalogue of the most happening sounds of 1995.

Perhaps because he is more of a facilitator than a performer, Simenon has held his ground at the cutting edge of dance culture since the release of his first single *Beat Dis* in 1988, an impressive achievement given the dizzyingly rapid turnover of acts and ideas in that world. He is free to recruit the best musicians, new or old, and harness their work to the latest technology and fashions.

But it is also a situation which leaves him struggling to impose his own personality on his music, and *Clear* emerges as an album in the grip of a mild identity crisis, thanks to its procession of guest artists — rapper Justin Warfield, Sinéad O'Connor, Bim Sherman (of On-U Sound), reggae rapper Spiky Tec — each of whom stamp a distinctive mark on their respective songs.

So, the sinister *5ml Barrel*, a vehicle for a grotesque monologue by avant-garde novelist Will Self detailing the physical deformities caused by one form of drug abuse, is followed in quick succession by a delightful African percussion-led ambient soundscape *(Somewhere)*, and Bernard Fowler crooning his way through the tedious supper-club techno-soul of *Sandcastles*. It is a hell of a ride, but beware of sudden swerves.

BOB DYLAN
Unplugged
(Columbia 478374)

GIVEN the howls of protest from the purists when Bob Dylan first "went electric" in 1965, one could easily envisage him treating his performance on MTV's *Unplugged* show in New York last November as an opportunity to revisit his folk roots.

But *Unplugged* these days is more of a brand name than a literal reality, and, like most recent participants, Dylan simply turns in a quieter-than-average, live greatest hits album, deploying Hammond organ, pedal steel guitar and a full "rock" drum kit as and when called for on songs including *Like a Rolling Stone*, *All Along the Watchtower*, *Rainy Day Women #12 & 35* and *The Times They Are A-Changin'*.

Even at its most acoustic — as on *Love Minus Zero/No Limit* and *John Brown*, which Dylan wrote in 1963 but has never released under his own name before now — *Unplugged* does not come close to the spartan, genuinely unplugged folk sound of Dylan's previous two albums, *World Gone Wrong* and *Good As I Been To You*.

Whether it is the sense of occasion, or simply the effect of the ridiculously enthusiastic Big Apple audience — which cheers, claps and whistles through the entire first verse and chorus of *Knockin' On Heaven's Door* — Dylan sings these battered old songs with unusual care and conviction. In particular, he produces a surprisingly telling version of *With God On Our Side* and a superbly emotional rendition of *Shooting Star*: "I always kind of wondered/If you ever made it through/Seen a shooting star tonight/And I thought of you."

But still, as he goes charging through the endlessly convoluted stanzas of *Desolation Row* and *Tombstone Blues*, laying waste to metre and melody alike, one eternal mystery remains. How does he remember all those words?

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Greatest Hits**	Bruce Springsteen (Columbia)
2	**Picture This**	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)
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5	**Wake Up!**	Boo Radleys (Creation)
6	**Made In England**	Elton John (Rocket)
7	**The Choir**	Anthony Way (Decca)
8	**Elastica**	Elastica (Deceptive)
9	**No Need To Argue**	Cranberries (Island)
10	**Dummy**	Portishead (Go! Discs)

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CONCERT

Howay the lad

Jimmy Nail
Hammersmith Apollo

A DECADE ago, who would have dared bet that the Artist Formerly Known As Oz (and, more latterly, Spender) would end up as a multi-platinum recording artist? You can't even blame it all on last autumn's television series *Crocodile Shoes*, in which the lanky and lugubrious Jimmy Nail played a Geordie factory worker with designs on Nashville-style fame and fortune.

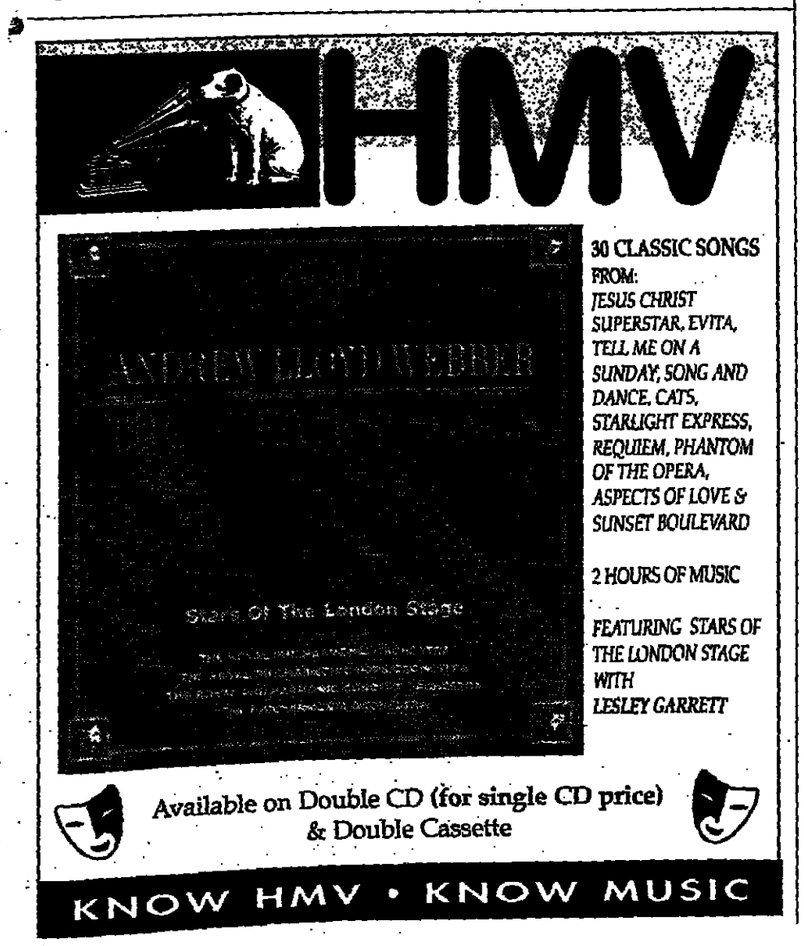
As Nail pointed out at the beginning of the one London date on what has been a highly successful British tour, he has been trying his hand at music for 25 years now. There have been other hit records, too: in 1985 he reached No 3 with a cover of the Rose Royce hit *Love Don't Live Here Any More*, and in 1992 he topped the charts with an original song, *Ain't No Doubt*.

But it is the combination of his own idiosyncratic personality and the dream exposure of a seven-week prime time slot that has finally brought momentum to the musical side of Nail's career. And, if you like a well-behaved rock-country hybrid that looks out at you from beneath a permanently raised eyebrow, look no further than Nail, who tours again in the summer. The show he offers ignores his two earlier hits and concentrates instead on a more high-budget version of the sort of music favoured by competent bar and club bands everywhere from Texas to Tyne and Wear.

The best moments, as on the *Crocodile Shoes* album itself, came via the trio of songs written by Prefab Sprout's Paddy McAloon, each an object lesson in the art of simple pop craftsmanship.

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Indirect sex bias in mobility clause

Meade-Hill and Another v British Council

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment April 7]

A clause in a contract of employment that an employee should serve in such parts of the United Kingdom as her employers might require was unlawful indirect discrimination within sections 1(1)(b) and 6(1) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 unless the employer could justify the requirement in the clause irrespective of the sex of the person to whom it was applied.

The Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith dissenting, when allowing an appeal by Denise Meade-Smith and the National Union of Civil and Public Servants against the dismissal of Judge Quentin Edwards made in Central London County Court on January 6, 1994 of an application for, inter alia, a declaration that the mobility clause in the contracts of certain senior grades employed by the British Council amounted to unlawful sex discrimination. Their Lordships granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Section 1 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 provides: "(1) A person discriminates against a woman in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if — (a) on the ground of her sex he treats her less favourably than he treats or would treat a man, or (b) he applies to her a requirement or condition which applies or would apply equally to a man but — (i) which is such that the proportion of women who can comply with it is considerably smaller than the proportion of men who can commply with it, and (ii) which he cannot show to be justifiable irrespective of the sex of a person to whom it is applied, and (iii) which is to her detriment because she cannot comply with it."

Section 6 of the 1975 Act provides: "(1) It is unlawful for a person, in relation to employment by him at an establishment in Great Britain, to discriminate against a woman — ... (b) in the terms on which he offers her that employment. . ."

Miss Cherie Booth and Miss Helen Mountfield for the appellants: Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Gerard Clarke for the British Council.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that on her promotion to grade G in 1990 Mrs Meade-Hill had been required to accept a variation of her contract of employment by the incorporation of a mobility clause, which applied to all full-time employees, whether men or women, of grade G or above.

The clause made it a term of her contract that she should serve in such parts of the United Kingdom as her employers might in their discretion require.

Section 1(1)(a) of the 1975 Act defined direct discrimination and section 1(1)(b) indirect discrimination. Discrimination in employment was made unlawful by section 6 of the Act. Judicial notice could be taken of the fact that a higher proportion of women than men were secondary earners who would in practice find it impossible to comply with a direction of their employer which involved their moving house.

Mrs Meade-Hill's complaint was directed against the inclusion of the mobility clause in her contract of employment. Whether she could do so depended on whether its inclusion per se constituted, or was in furtherance of, or provided for, unlawful discrimination against her as a woman.

The starting point was to identify the "requirement" of which she complained. That was that she must work in whatever location in the United Kingdom her employers might direct. She had no difficulty in establishing that the inclusion of the mobility clause in her contract, unless justifiable irrespective her sex, amounted to indirect discrimination against her.

The remaining question was whether the inclusion of the mobility clause amounted to unlawful discrimination. In his Lordship's view it did, because section 6(1) was not confined to applicants for employment but extended to existing employees who were offered employment on new terms on promotion.

The case should be remitted to the county court to consider whether the clause was justifiable irrespective of sex, and if not whether the clause should be deleted or substituted.

His Lordship said that conclusion did not mean that Mrs Meade-Hill had won a great and glorious victory. He believed that the exercise was likely to prove largely academic. All the employers had to justify was their need to be in a position if circumstances required at any time in the future to direct an employee of grade G to work elsewhere in the United Kingdom even if he or she could not in practice comply. Moreover, even if the mobility clause could not be justified in its present form, the objectionable aspects of the clause would disappear if it were modified in a relatively minor respect so that compliance could not be required from an employee who was unable to comply with it in practice.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said the preliminary and perhaps decisive issue was to determine at what point of time the impact of the application of the term by the employer to the appellant and the requirement that it be to her detriment because she could not comply with it was to be judged.

Miss Booth urged that they should be assessed at the moment when the impugned term became incorporated into the contract; Mr Pannick that the moment should be when it became reasonably foreseeable that the term was one with which the applicant would be unable to comply.

In his Lordship's view that was a matter of impression and the interpretation which best accorded with the objective of the Act was to regard them as falling to be judged at the moment when the contract was entered into.

The employer was applying the mobility clause to the appellant within the terms of section 1(1)(b) and Mrs Meade-Hill could show that the mobility clause had the potential to operate as a requirement with which she could not comply. He would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith gave a dissenting judgment.

Solicitors: Robin Thompson & Partners; Treasury Solicitor.

Entitlement to incapacity pension

Longdon v British Coal Corporation

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment March 9]

Where an employee received payments of incapacity pension from a contributory employment scheme which provided for either an incapacity pension or a retirement pension, the payments were not deductible from that part of an award for damages for negligence representing the loss of retirement pension on the ground that the plaintiff would thereby be doubly compensated.

The plaintiff was entitled to the benefits of the incapacity pension payments because he had purchased them.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the British Coal Corporation against a judgment of Mr Justice Douglas Brown on November 24, 1992 awarding the plaintiff, Mr David Longdon, the sum of £434,219, later agreed to be £427,753, for injuries sustained during his employment as deputy at West Thorpe Colliery, Derbyshire. The defendants had contended for a lesser sum without disputing liability.

Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC and Mrs Margaret Bickford-Smith for the British Coal Corporation; Mr Ian McLaren, QC for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that the plaintiff's award for future loss of earnings was calculated using a multiplicand which represented his net earnings, his earnings after deductions which included 6 per cent payable to the pension scheme.

Further, the appellants as tortfeasor, once the plaintiff had retired on medical grounds, no longer had to pay their contributions of 17.08 per cent of his earnings to the scheme. The plaintiff could not now purchase such a pension in the open market by paying as premiums the equivalent of 6 per cent of the earnings he would have had.

The House of Lords had decided that with regard to the retirement pension, a plaintiff had to give credit for the incapacity pension he would receive during that part of his life after retirement at the normal retirement age, where the incapacity pension arose under the same scheme, because the injured party's contributions and the employers' contributions were to one scheme, which provided alternative benefits: the scheme not allowing for a contributor to be paid a retirement pension and an incapacity pension.

If the incapacity pension were not to be deducted in calculating the loss of retirement pension, the injured party would be recovering more than he would have received under the pension scheme. He would be recovering more than he had lost: see Lord Reid in *Parry v Cleaver* ([1970] AC, 1, 20G-21B).

The payment of incapacity pension prior to the injured party reaching the age of 60 was quite different. During that period the injured party's loss was loss of earnings, in the present case a total loss of earnings.

Allowing the injured party to recover that loss of earnings, while receiving the incapacity pension, was not to allow him double recovery against the tortfeasor. That was made quite clear where the tortfeasor was a person other than the injured party's employer.

In the present case, the management and administration of the scheme were vested in a trustee company. The payment of incapacity provisions was made, therefore, not by the appellants but by the trustee company.

It would seem that the tortfeasor in the present case was not the person who paid the pension. Nor were the appellants the persons who paid for the incapacity provision in the opinion of Lord Reid in *Parry v Cleaver* (at p16C-D) and of Lord Griffiths in *Dews v National Coal Board* ([1988] AC 1, 15).

Were the loss of earnings suffered by the injured party to be reduced by payments received from other sources? The answer depended on the source.

If the payments were earnings where the claimant was only partially incapacitated, such payments were to be deducted because the true loss was the difference between the earnings he would have received but for the accident and the earnings he was receiving as partially disabled. For the same reason sick pay was to be deducted.

On the other hand, if the payments resulted from the prudence of the claimant in insuring against accidental injury, then the claimant's loss remained the same.

He was allowed to recover all that loss from the tortfeasor, because the tortfeasor was not permitted to enjoy the fruits of the claimant's prudence and foresight in providing himself with insurance against an incapacitating accident: see Lord Templeman in *Smoker v London Fire Authority* ([1991] 2 AC 502, 544A).

The incapacity pension was to be treated as insurance. It was, as Lord Reid said in *Parry v Cleaver* (at p16D) "a form of insurance". The incapacity pension, although triggered by the accident, was not the result of it but the result of contributions or premiums already paid by the injured party.

The benefit did not flow from the tortfeasor's negligent acts or omissions but from the scheme which the injured party had joined: see Baron Pigott in *Bradburn v Great Western Railway Co* (1874) 10 Exch 1, 3).

Could the appellants nevertheless obtain the benefit of the plaintiff's prudence by setting it off against his claim for loss of future retirement pension, as opposed to setting it against his loss of future earnings? The answer must again, in common sense and common fairness be "No".

The incapacity pension was a pension for which the plaintiff had already paid by contributing 6 per cent of his earnings and by the contributions he had made towards putting the appellants in a position to pay their contributions to the scheme.

Both Lord Reid in *Parry v Cleaver* (at p16C-D) and Lord Griffiths in *Dews v National Coal Board* (at p15B) stated that both contributions, of the employer and the employee, were made as part of the consideration for the employee's work.

Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice McCowan agreed.

Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson, Doncaster; Hopkin & Sons, Mansfield.

Proving guilt of secondary party in attempted murder

Regina v O'Brien

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Johnson

[Judgment March 16]

For a secondary party to be found guilty of attempted murder it was not necessary for the prosecution to prove that he knew that the principal would shoot to kill: it was sufficient to prove that he knew the principal might shoot to kill.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Michael O'Brien against his conviction in March 1993 at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Laws and a jury) of two counts of attempted murder for which he was sentenced to concurrent terms of 18 years imprisonment on each and of possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life for which he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment concurrent.

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr Tim Owen, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr John Nutting and Mr David Waters for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant had been jointly indicted with another man, Paul Patrick Magee. In addition to being convicted, as the principal, of the same offences as the appellant, Magee was also convicted of murder and one further offence of attempted murder.

The principal ground of appeal was that, if the appellant was to be found guilty of attempted murder, whether as a participant in a joint enterprise with Magee, or as aider and abetter of Magee, the jury had to find that he knew before the firing of the shots by Magee that Magee did intend to kill. In other words, the appellant was only guilty if he knew that Magee would shoot to kill, not that he might do so.

The court had been referred to a number of recent authorities concerning the state of mind which a secondary party, who did not himself commit the fatal act, had to have if he was to be found guilty of murder. These authorities were all appeals in cases of joint enterprise, but Mr Mansfield agreed that the same principle applied equally to an aider and abetter.

In *Chan Wing-Siu v The Queen* ([1985] AC 168, 175) Sir Robin Cooke had said: "The case must depend rather on the wider principle whereby a secondary party is criminally liable for acts by the primary offender of a type which the former foresees but does not necessarily intend. That there is such a principle is not in in doubt.

"It turns on contemplation or, putting the same idea in other words, authorisation, which may be express but is more usually implied. It meets the case of a crime foreseen as a possible incident of the common unlawful enterprise. The criminal culpability lies in participating in the venture with that foresight."

That passage was approved and adopted in the judgments of the Court of Appeal in *R v Ward* ([1987] 85 Cr App R 71) and *R v Slack* ([1989] QB 775) and quoted and approved in *R v Hyde* ([1991] 1 QB 134, 138).

That passage and its adoption in *Hyde* were further referred to with approval in the most recent decision, that of the Privy Council in *Hui Chi-ming v The Queen* ([1992] 1 AC 24).

Mr Mansfield submitted that, though that was the test to establish guilt by a person who aided and abetted, or was party to a joint enterprise which resulted in a murder, the same test did not suffice for attempted murder.

He argued that since the intention of the principal in attempted murder must be to kill, so a secondary party was only guilty if he knew that the principal did intent to kill; in the judge's phrase in this case, that he "will shoot to kill".

Their Lordships did not follow the logic of that argument. The jury clearly found that the appellant, knowing that Magee had the rifle, assisted him by stopping the car and thereafter reversing it towards the following police car.

If, following the judge's direction, they concluded that the appellant also knew that Magee might shoot to kill and if he had actually killed one of those police officers, on the authorities to which the court had been referred, the appellant would have been guilty of murder.

There was in their Lordships' judgment no logical reason why the same knowledge should not make him guilty of attempted murder once the jury were sure that Magee himself was guilty of that offence.

Accordingly, the appeal against conviction failed and was dismissed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Lewd display does not constitute music and dancing

Willowcell Ltd v Westminster City Council

Before Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment March 16]

Lewd sexual displays by young naked, or semi-naked, women that included gyrating to loud music while caressing their breasts and vaginas with their hands were not "music and dancing or a like public entertainment".

Under section 12 of the Greater London Council (General Provisions) Act 1986 and Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, premises used for such displays required a sex establishmment licence and the fact that a music and dancing licence had been granted in respect of them under the provisions of Schedule 12 of the London Government Act 1963 did not exempt them from that requirement.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by Willowcell Ltd from a decision by Miss Sheila Cameron, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on February 18, 1994, holding that its use of premises at 24 Great Windmill Street, Soho, was unlawful and refusing to order the local authority, Westminster City Council, to pay compensation for seizure/damage of its property.

Mr Charles Salter for Willowcell Ltd; Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning, QC, for Westminster.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that inside the premises were booths and when customers put money in a coin meter they could see through a window one or more young women who were normally naked above the waist and who might have been naked below their waists, gyrating while caressing themselves with their hands and caressing in particular their breasts and vaginas.

While those movements were made, loud music of a modern and popular kind was played. As more coins were placed in the meter the display became more explicitly sexual.

But for Mr Salter's argument, one would have no hesitation in concluding that the activities did not fall within the terms of the entertainment licence obtained by Willowcell for "music or public dancing or other public entertainment of the like kind".

Mr Salter submitted that the activities of the young women, considered in their entirety came within the definition of music and dancing. He argued that many types of dance were sexually stimulating both to the dancers and to observers.

It was wrong, he said, to look at old Victorian authorities such as *Fay v Bignal* ([1883] Cab and Ell 112) where it was laid down that "it is not every movement of the legs and feet which constitutes dancing. It must be a graceful and rhythmical motion."

Mr Salter placed great reliance on the unreported decision of the Divisional Court on July 12, 1994 in *Sammut v Westminster City Council*. There indecent displays of scantily clad young women moving about in response to music, fondling their breasts, rolling about on the bed in a provocative fashion, opening their legs, masturbating and sometimes simulating intercourse.

The owners of the premises had appealed against convictions for, inter alia, using those premises for the purpose of public entertainment without a licence contending that the activities disclosed did not constitute a public entertainment requiring a licence.

In the course of dismissing that appeal Mrs Justice Smith had said that there was no doubt that the women's activity "was something like dancing" which had to be construed "in its modern sense, which included a wide variety of human movements not necessarily rhythmic and not necessarily related to music". There was, she concluded, evidence that those activities "were of a like kind to dancing".

His Lordship said that while accepting that the concept of dancing had changed fundamentally between Victorian times and the present day, authorities such as *Fay v Bignall* and *Quaglieni v Matthews* ([1865] JP 439) were still of guidance: for an entertainment to be a musical entertainment, the music had to be essential to the performance and not merely incidental to it.

It was for the court to look at the realities of the situation. Here it had to look at the activities of the women in the context of how they were viewed, the payments made for the viewing as well as the fact that if the viewing continued long enough the activity came to have even less to do with dancing, becoming a sexually explicit display.

Those parts of the activities were neither music nor public dancing nor public entertainment of a like kind. In so far as Mrs Justice Smith in *Sammut* expressed a contrary view she had been wrong.

The premises were a sex establishment within the extended definition in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 because they were a "sex encounter establishment" unless proviso (i) to paragraph 3A excluded them from being so regarded.

By that proviso no premises which were "licensed under Schedule 12 of the London Government Act 1963 . . . and which are for the time being used for a purpose for which a licence is required under [that Act] . . . shall be regarded as a "sex encounter establishment".

The premises were licensed under Schedule 12 to the 1963 Act but they were not at the relevant time being used for a purpose for which their music and dancing licence was required, that was to say for "public dancing or music or any other public entertainment of the like kind".

The judge had been correct when she decided that those words did not cover those performances described, which were no more than a lewd sexual displays.

Lord Justice Ward delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Wilson Barca; Mr Colin T. Wilson, Westminster.

When conspiracy is quashed on appeal

Regina v Watts

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Johnson

[Judgment March 13]

Where an appellant's appeal against his conviction of conspiracy to blackmail was allowed and the conviction quashed on the ground that it was inconsistent with the acquittal of two co-accused, the Court of Appeal could not substitute a verdict of guilty of the substantive offence of blackmail because on the indictment charging the appellant with conspiracy the jury could not have found him guilty of blackmail.

The Court of Appeal so held after allowing the appeal of Colin Watts against his conviction on June 30, 1994 at Liverpool Crown Court (Judge Wickham, Recorder of Liverpool and a jury) of conspiracy to blackmail, on which he was given a 12-year prison sentence.

Mr David Aubrey, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Brian Lewis for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that counsel for the Crown had urged the court to take the view that a verdict of guilty of the substantive offence could be substituted because the allegation in the indictment, which charged the appellant with conspiring with two other men to make a demand with menaces, impliedly amounted to the substantive offence: see *R v Wilson* ([1984] AC 242, 258).

For the appellant it was submitted that if their Lordships concluded that an allegation of conspiracy to commit an offence amounted to an allegation of the substantive offence that would drive a coach and horses through *Practice Direction (Crime: Conspiracy)* ([1977] 1 WLR 537) in which it was said that in any case where an indictment contained substantive counts and a related conspiracy count, the judge should require the prosecution to justify the joinder, or, failing justification, to elect whether to proceed on the substantive or on the conspiracy counts.

With considerable reluctance their Lordships were persuaded that they could not substitute a verdict in this case.

The jury could not have found the appellant guilty of the substantive offence on the indictment charging him with conspiracy: see section 3 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 and section 6(3) of the Criminal Law Act 1967.

There was no merit in the case, and the situation came about as a result of yet another choice by the prosecution to charge conspiracy when they could have charged the substantive offence or a series of offences.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Merseyside.

Telephoned or mailed threat is not a 'violent offence'

Regina v Richart

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Owen and Sir Lawrence Verney, QC, Recorder of London

[Judgment March 14]

A telephoned or mailed threat of violence did not amount to a "violent offence" within section 31(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 and, even though the apprehension of the victim was the same, such a threat did not permit the imposition of a longer sentence within section 2(2)(b). The Court of Appeal thought it would be beneficial for courts were the definition of "violent offence" to be amended to include words to indicate that it would mean an offence leading to a reasonable apprehension of violence in the victim.

The Court of Appeal so stated when reducing from five to 3½ years a sentence imposed by Judge Taylor at Exeter Crown Court on Nicholas Eugene Richart, aged 33, on a plea on re-arraignment of guilty to threatening to kill.

Section 31(1) provided that a violent offence meant "an offence which leads or is likely to lead to a person's death or physical injury to a person . . ." and section 2(2)(b) provided for the imposition of a longer sentence for protection of the public not exceeding the permitted maximum where a court passed a sentence other than one fixed by law for a violent offence.

Mr Peter M. Ashman, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE OWEN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the relationship between the appellant and the victim deteriorated but he persuaded her to go with her three children with him to Minehead in Somerset. He threatened to leave her and the children in Minehead and she was frightened. She left him and he inundated her with abusive telephone calls and threatened to put a bullet in her head, adding that the bullet would have her name on it. She took the threat seriously.

She received an envelope with handwriting she did not recognise. On opening it she found a bullet with her name engraved on it, wrapped in tissue paper. She had seen him fire a handgun with live ammunition.

Were threats made over the telephone or by post were they such that they led to physical injury? Clearly not. Were they intended to lead to physical injury? There was no evidence that they were. Were they likely to lead to physical injury? Clearly not. In those circumstances it was impossible to say that the offence was a "violent offence".

A threat with an imitation pistol could not lead to physical injury but the apprehension of the victim was the same in either case. As their Lordships saw the matter, it would be beneficial for courts were the definition to be amended to include words to indicate that a violent offence would mean an offence leading to a reasonable apprehension of violence in the victim.

The effect on the victim had to be taken into account in any sentence substituted. The offence, albeit not a violent offence, was serious and gave an apprehension of violence and the threats no doubt were intended to have that effect.

Solicitors should not have had juror followed

Regina v K (Jury: Appearance of bias)

Before Lord Justice Hutchison, Mr Justice Alliott and Mr Justice Curtis

[Judgment March 8]

Where it was claimed by a defence witness after the conclusion of the trial that a juror was known to her and to two other witnesses, including the complainant, the defendant's solicitors should not, without the leave of the Court of Appeal, have followed the juror nor instructed an inquiry agent to follow her to establish that she was the person the witness claimed her to be.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing the appellant's appeal against his conviction on September 14, 1994 at Caernarfon Crown Court (Judge Williams, QC and a jury) of one count of indecent assault and two counts of rape, and ordering a retrial.

Mr Gordon Cole, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Roger Dutton for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE CURTIS, giving the judgment of the court, said that at no stage of the trial had the juror indicated that she knew any of the witnesses, although, as was well known, jurors were instructed that they should give such an indication. The case was without doubt a highly sensitive one, and two of the witnesses known to the juror were vital, being the complainant and her mother.

The court felt that there was a real danger of bias in the sense that the juror might have unfairly regarded the appellant's case. That was the test posited in *R v Gough* ([1993] AC 646).

In those circumstances the appeal would be allowed and the conviction quashed, and the court would order a retrial.

Their Lordships wished to observe that the conduct of the defence solicitors who, when they became aware of what had been said by the witness, took steps themselves to follow the juror and instructed an inquiry agent to follow her, was most ill-advised and should never be repeated.

It was perfectly permissible for them to take steps to clarify the position concerning their client but not without the leave of the Court of Appeal, the crown court being functus officio once sentence had been passed. That principle had been made quite clear in *R v McCluskey* ([1993] 98 Cr App R 216).

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, North Wales.

Outraging public decency

Regina v Walker (Steven)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Laws and Mr Justice Keene

[Judgment April 6]

The common law offence of committing an act outraging public decency required more than the presence of at least two witnesses, since a further requirement was that the act had to be committed where a real possibility existed that members of the general public might witness the outrageous act.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Steven Walker, aged 33, against conviction at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court (Judge Paling and a jury) of committing an act of a lewd, obscene and disgusting nature and outraging public decency by exposing his person in an indecent manner to two girls aged 10 in the sitting room of his home.

Mr James N. Harper, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Christopher Prince for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE LAWS, giving the judgment of the court, said that *R v Mayling* ([1973] 2 QB 717) established no more than that a necessary condition for guilt of the offence was that at least two people must have been able to witness what happened.

A further requirement was, as stated in *R v Knuller (Publishing, Printing and Promotions) Ltd* ([1973] 2 AC 435, 495) "that reasonable people may venture out in public without the risk of outrage to certain minimum accepted standards of decency" per Lord Simon of Glaisdale.

The activity in *Smith v Hughes* ([1960] 1 WLR 830) occurred on the house balcony, open to public view. In the present case the requirement was plainly not met. The conviction was quashed.

Solicitors: CPS, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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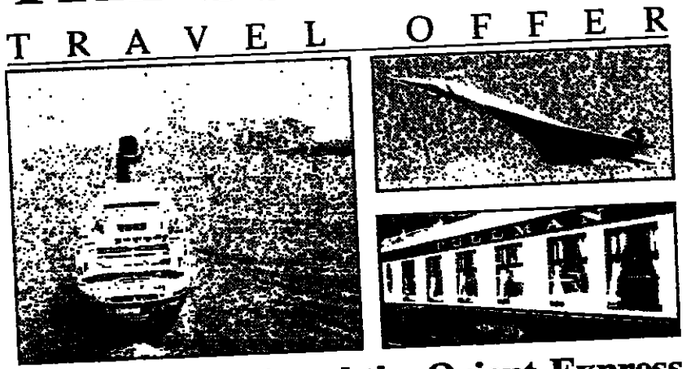
Balkanbank v Naser Taher and Others

Where defendants in an asset-freezing action had a remedy against the plaintiffs for malicious prosecution and abuse of process, then subsidiaries of the defendants who had suffered the same losses from the same torts also had a remedy.

Mr Justice Clarke so held in the Queen's Bench Division on February 13 when granting the defendants an order that subsidiaries of the defendants be joined as parties to the counterclaim.

HIS LORDSHIP said that there was nothing in the words of the old Order 16, rule 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which originated in 1875 and was the direct forerunner of the present Order 15, rule 6, to restrict "matters in dispute" to matters relating to the plaintiff's claim and not to the defendants' counterclaim.

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Dunlop treads carefully in classic trials

These are anxious times for John Dunlop. After three months of intense preparation, two horses will race for a combined total of three minutes, the outcome to which will largely govern his fortunes for the rest of the year.

Comprehensive defeats for Aqaarid and Nwaamis in their respective classic trials will consign Dunlop to a season of retrieval. He will have barely heard the starting gun, yet the compass, pointing north from his stables in west Sussex, will settle on the less enticing venues. For Newmarket, read Newcastle; for Epsom, read Edinburgh. It may prove a demanding season for his travelling head lad.

In fact, this ruthless scenario applies more to Nwaamis than Aqaarid, whose pedigree dictates that her candle may flicker until Oaks time in early June. Overall, however, Dunlop is plagued by a lack of depth among the classic generation. And the tribe of older horses, his traditional source of strength, lacks substance.

All that will fade beyond recall if Nwaamis or Aqaarid make the grade. Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's Nwaamis, a strong bay colt, is certainly well connected. A half-brother to the stable's top-class miler, Lahib, he already has one thing going for him. Sheikh Hamdan is known as a "lucky" owner, and Nwaamis is the apple of his eye.

If, three weeks ago, the indications were that Nwaamis had not yet awoken from hibernation, that notion has since been dispelled. He now radiates health and his homework has picked up immeasurably. "I gave him his first searching gallop with some older horses on Saturday and he came through strongly," Dunlop said.

"Nwaamis will improve for his run in the Craven Stakes. He does need experience. He's only had the one run but he was very impressive at Newmarket on ground probably softer than he likes. Last year we were held up by a bit of inflammation in his front legs. He's over all of that and is progressing well."

That Newmarket victory was gained over six furlongs, and Nwaamis, a son of Dayjur, will first have to prove that he stays a mile. "Both he and Lahib are similar in that they are very relaxed horses," Dunlop ventured. "Nwaamis is not highly tensioned. He does not display obvious sprinting characteristics."

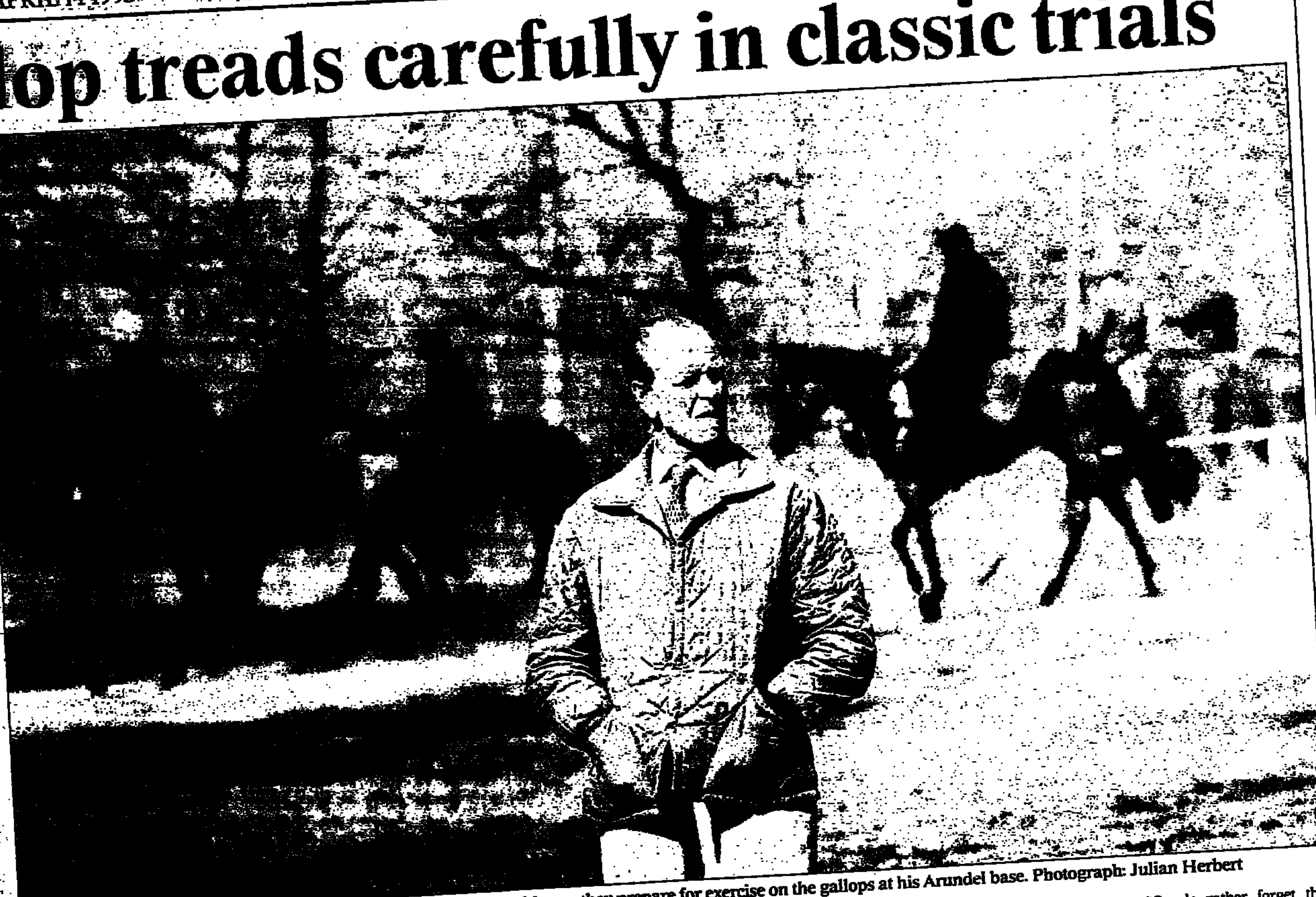
In former years, Dunlop, 55, would have probably set Nwaamis a less taxing agenda. He leases Castle Stables from Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, whose Arundel Castle dominates the landscape. The duchess was a staunch patron until her daughter, Lady Herries, recently turned her attention to training Flat horses at nearby Angmering Park. But for that, Celtic Swing would be gracing Dunlop's stable.

"I trained Celtic Swing's dam, his grand-dam and his great grand-dam," Dunlop reflected, "but Lady Anne obviously knows far more about Celtic Swing than I do. It would be marvellous if he went on to great things, not just for his trainer but for the good of racing. It's marvellous to have a top-class horse for the sake of the public."

Two-year-old
BINT SHADAYID

Three-year-old
WESTERN FAME

Older horse
LAVINIA FONTANA



Dunlop supervises his string in the early morning sunshine as they prepare for exercise on the gallops at his Arundel base. Photograph: Julian Herbert

THE FLAT TRAINERS

JOHN DUNLOP

by Julian Muscat

Given Celtic Swing's inherent ability, Nwaamis will have to make significant strides in a short time. The same is not true of Aqaarid, whose ancestry tells of a different story. By Nashwan, she descends from a distinguished staying family and her full-brother, Muwafik, had a promising staying career cut short by injury last term.

The fact that a combination of class and speed saw her land her debut over six furlongs bodes well for her future. "What is encouraging about Nashwan as a stallion is that many of his progeny have speed," Dunlop said. "I'd always thought of Aqaarid as more of an Oaks filly but it makes sense to have a go at the 1,000 Guineas first."

Racegoers can expect to see a different filly to the one which snatched the Fillies' Mile to remain unbeaten in two starts. "Aqaarid has developed a tremendous amount. She doesn't do much at home, which can be slightly confusing, but after 30 years on the gallops one can obviously get an impression. Looking ahead to the Oaks, I won't be distraught if she fails honourably at Newmarket."

With evident regret, Dunlop declares his Derby cupboard bare. There is to be no instant repeat of Erhaab's thrilling victory last June. Yet those fond memories — coupled with the lack of obvious candidates, on pedigree, among his two-year-olds — prompt him to broadcast a plea on behalf of the great race.

"People rather forget that the Derby is the pinnacle. To be associated with a winner is very special, yet so few seem to think about breeding horses for it," he lamented. "It was what everyone wanted in the old days. The breed is quickly losing its stamina."

That does not yet apply to Dunlop, whose evening stable round embraced every one of the 140 thoroughbreds in residence. He is, by nature, a guarded man, and whatever transpires during Flat racing's silly season next week, he will surely contrive something to negate his belief that "it could be a long old season in division three."

Tomorrow: David Loder

Guineas hopes impress in work

TWO of the leading contenders for the 1,000 Guineas came through important workouts yesterday with flying colours.

Moonshell, the ante-post favourite, was put through her paces in Dubai. Frankie Dettori flew over to ride work on the Godolphin-owned three-year-old, who will be attempting to go one better in the Guineas than Balanchine did for the same connections last year.

Now trained by Saeed Bin Suroor, Moonshell will go straight to the fillies' classic, as will Jural, who will spearhead Mark Johnston's hopes for major honours this year.

Jural is taking a similar path to Newmarket as Johnston's 2,000 Guineas winner, Mister Baileys, did last year. She was impressive in a workout at Ripon yesterday morning.

An unlucky runner-up in the Fillies' Mile at Ascot last year, Jural was ridden by Michael Kinane in the mile exercise. "It was a good piece of work. She set off well behind Deano's Beeno and finished well past him, though Michael Kinane didn't really push the button and could have asked a lot more of her," Johnston said.

"She will probably have another racecourse workout because there are no suitable races over a mile for her before the Guineas. I'm as pleased with her now as I was with Mister Baileys at the same stage last year."

The Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket on Tuesday has been confirmed as the target of 1,000 Guineas second favourite Red Carnival. Chris Richardson, racing manager for the filly's owners, Cheveley Park Stud, said: "She's a definite runner at this stage and Michael Stoute is pleased with her progress over the winter."

FOOTBALL

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Tottenham 3 Swindon 2.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton 0 Charlton 3.
DURHAM UNDER-13 FESTIVAL: Coventry 2 South Tyneside 6; Peterborough 4 Gateshead 1; Gravesham 1 Sunderland 6; Allerdale 0 Bishop Auckland 10; Leeds 5 Darlington 0; Derwentside 2 Hartlepool 1; East Northumberland 1 Chester-le-Street 3.
DOHA: World youth championship: Group C: Holland 0 Argentina 1.

Wednesday's late results

FA CUP: Semi-final replay: Manchester United 2 Crystal Palace 0 (at Villa Park).
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal 0 Liverpool 1; Chelsea 0 Southampton 2; Norwich 0 Nottingham Forest 1.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Derby County 3 Wolverhampton Wanderers 3; Stoke 0 Barnsley 0.
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Kilmarnock 3 Hearts 2.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 1 Sunderland 0; Manchester United 0 West Bromwich Albion 0; Rotherham 0 Leeds 3; Tranmere 1 Everton 1. Second division: Huddersfield 0 Leicester 2; Manchester City 3 Newcastle 0; Middlesbrough 3 Mansfield 0.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 1 Gainsborough 1; Droylsden 1 Buxton 2. First division: Ashton 1 Bamber Bridge 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 2 Burton 0. Southern division: Havant Town 3 Fisher '93 2; Tonbridge AFC 0 Bashley 0; Yate Town 2 Margate 1. Midland division: Dudley 0 Redditch Utd 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3 Bromley 2; Molesey 3 St Albans 2. Third division: Harlow Town 0 Collier Row 3.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale 0 Cwmbran 0; Holywell 1 Aberystwyth 2.
BASS IRISH CUP: Semi-final replay: Ards 1 Linfield 2.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Sligo Rovers 0 Shelbourne 1.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 3 Arsenal 1; Ipswich 0 Crystal Palace 0; Oxford Utd 2 Norwich 2; Southampton 1 Swindon 0; Wimbledon 0 West Ham 1. Second division: Birmingham 3 Torquay 2; Cheltenham 3 Exeter 3. League cup: Bath 0 Cardiff 2; Yeovil 2 Plymouth 0.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup 0 Penrith 3; Darwen 1 Maine Road 2; Eastwood Hanley 1 Rossendale 0; Holker OB 1 Prescot 0.
TURKISH CUP: Final: Trabzonspor 1 Galatasaray 0.
ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Parma 3 Foggia 1 (Parma win 4-2 on agg).
FRENCH CUP: Semi-final: Strasbourg 1 Metz 0.
PORTUGUESE CUP: Quarter-final: Vitoria Setubal 2 Benfica 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome Town 0 Taunton Town 0.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS FA DURHAM FESTIVAL: Gravesham 1 Darlington 8; Luton 0 Hartlepool 2; Allerdale 2 Derwentside 5; Leeds 2 South Tyneside 2; Coventry 5 Bishop Auckland 1; Peterborough 2 Carlisle 2; Newcastle 0 Sunderland 0; Gateshead 0 East Northumberland 1.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS: Quarter-finals, second legs: London Towers 78 (Windless 25, Lewis 25) Leopards 87 (Youngblood 25, Brown 20, Miller 15). Series tied 1-1. Manchester 82 (Johnson 27, Robinson 18) Doncaster 74 (Pile 20). Manchester win series 2-0. Thames Valley 97 (Bucknall 24, Austin 23, Holley 21) Worthing 94 (Harried 23, Lewis 22, Irish 20). Series tied 1-1.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 90 Washington 82; Charlotte 105 New Jersey 77; Detroit 113 Chicago 124; Minnesota 109 Golden State 123; Phoenix 115 San Antonio 111; Sacramento 109 LA Lakers 99.

BOXING

BIRMINGHAM: ABA finals: Light-flyweight: B Fox (RAF) bt G Jones (Sefton), pts. Flyweight: D Costello (Hollington) bt D Spencer (Plecks), rsf 2nd. Bantamweight: N Wilders (Five Towns) bt O Spensley (RAF), pts. Featherweight: D Burrows (Benchill) bt M Gibbons (Southbank), rsf 2nd. Lightweight: R Rutherford (Bell Green) bt A McLean (Hylton Castle), pts. Light-welterweight: A Vaughan (Huyton) bt L Crosby (St Paul's), rsf 3rd. Welterweight: M Hall (Darlington) bt P Wright (Repton), pts. Light-middleweight: C Bessey (Army) bt M Barker (St Paul's), pts. Middleweight: J Matthews (Crown and Manor) bt G Grounds (Phil Thomas), ko 1st. Light-heavyweight: K Oliver (Bracebridge) bt J Branch (Repton), rsf 3rd. Heavyweight: M Ellis (Blackpool) bt F Okesola (Lynn), rsf 2nd. Super-heavyweight: R Allen (Preston) bt D Watts (Army), disq 1st.

GOLF

WEST HILL GC: Father and son tournament: Fifth round: T W G and R Betts (Mannings Heath) bt E D and D Bond (Wentworth) 1 hole; R W and J Krefting (Rye/Denham) bt S R and R Warrio (Pinner Hill) 1 hole; J and D Niven (Newbury/Royal Cinque Ports) bt J A and R Piggott (Littlehampton/Peasvale) at 19th; A J S and H Wood (Welton Heath) bt D J and D Baxter (Holme Hall) 1 hole. Semi-finals: R W and J Krefting bt T W G and R Betts 1 hole; J and D Niven bt A J S and H Wood 2 and 1. Final: J and D Niven bt R W and J Krefting 1 hole.
DROITWICH GC: Girls open: Net competition: 66: J Smith (Gay Hill). 68: S Brodie (Devenport). 70: L Petts (Cotswold Hills). Gross competition: 81: E Garland (Nuneaton). Intermediate gross competition: 74: N Lawrenson (Leominster). Net competition: 77: J Rhodes (South Staffs). Bronze division: 72: M Collins (Droitwich).

FOREST OF ARDEN: Golf Foundation Team Championship for Schools: English national final: 1, Meriden School, Royston (M Rogers 74, L Rogers 76, J Hubbard 84). Total: 234. 2, Fair Oak High School, Rugeley (R Rock 77, P Brightmen 85, S Walbank 86). Total: 248. 3, Hartlepool Sixth Form College (G Lawson 82, J Harper 80, C Todd 86). Total: 248. Best individual: R Finch (Wolfreton School), 73.

HOCKEY

VUGHT: International match: Holland 4 India 0.

ICE HOCKEY

BRATISLAVA: World championship: Pool B: Slovakia 7 Great Britain 3; Romania 2 Great Britain 0.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 4 Ottawa 2; Boston 0 Quebec 4; New York Islanders 3 Florida 1; New York Rangers 3 Buffalo 1; Philadelphia 3 Montreal 2; Washington 1 New Jersey 2; San Jose 3 Chicago 2; Calgary 4 Los Angeles 1.

MOTOR RALLYING

NAIROBI: Safari rally: First day leading standings: 1, Y Fujimoto (Japan) Toyota Celica 3hr 50min; 2, K Shinozuka (Japan) Mitsubishi Lancer at 13min; 3, R Burns (GB) Subaru at 25min.

NETBALL

NELSON: Tour match: New Zealand select 49 England 49.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: First division: Millom 30 Walney Central 8.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Bedford 17 Rugby 35.
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Second division: Bonymaen 29 Aberavon 30.
CLUB MATCH: Lichfield 102 HM Prison Services 5.

SHOOTING

BLOEMFONTEIN: South African smallbore championships: Scholars championship (revised result): 1, T Lewis (Sevenoaks) 2840. School: 1, Sevenoaks 2265. Schools international (teams of six): 1, South Africa 2238; 2, Great Britain (Sevenoaks) 2230.

SKIING

NEVIS RANGE, Fort William: Scottish senior open FIS championships: Slalom (combined time): Men: 1, A Baxter (Aviemore) 1min 35.71sec; 2, J Ormond (Grand Bornand, Fr) 1:37.18; 3, R Green (Falkirk) 1:37.83. Women: 1, E Carrick-Anderson (Dunblane) 1:36.58; 2, K Andersson (Sweden) 1:37.24; 3, T Rodling (Sweden) 1:38.43.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Hull 46 (P Thorp 12, A Grahame 11) Belle Vue 50 (J Lyons 12, F Schott 9); Long Eaton 52 (S Cross 13, S Johnston 11) Poole 44 (J Crump 14, L Gunnestad 11, S Schofield 11).

TENNIS

TOKYO: Japan open: Men: Third round: W Ferreira (SA) bt J Tarango (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; T Enqvist (Swe) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-4, 6-0; J Courier (US) bt G Rusedski (Can) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Apell (Swe) bt K Miyachi (Japan) 6-2, 6-3; S Draper (Aus) bt M Joyce (US) 6-1, 6-4; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt S Campbell (US) 6-0, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bt S Lareau (Can) 6-3, 7-5; M Cheng (US) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. Women: Quarter-finals: T Min (HK) bt Y Kamio (Japan) 3-6, 7-5, 7-6; A Frazier (US) bt P Fendick (US) 6-4, 6-2; K Date (Japan) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) 6-2, 6-1; N Miyagi (Japan) bt R Grande (It) 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
HOUSTON: Women's tournament: Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt M Strandlund (Swe) 6-2, 6-1; T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt A Grossman (US) 6-4, 6-0; A Carlsson (Swe) bt C Rubin (US) 6-2, 7-6.
BARCELONA: Men's tournament: Second round: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; C Ruud (Nor) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 6-0, 6-4; J Arrese (Sp) bt G Forget (Fr) 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. Third round: T Muster (Austria) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 7-6, 6-4; T Champion (Fr) bt R Carretero (Sp) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-4, 6-3; A Berasategui (Sp) bt K K Novacek (Cz) 6-3, 7-6; M Larsson (Swe) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 6-2, 6-1; C Costa (Sp) bt O Gross (Ger) 6-3, 7-6; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt C Ruud (Nor) 7-5, 6-1; J Arrese (Sp) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-3, 7-6.
TELFORD: LTA national junior championships: Semi-finals: Girls: F Lishman (Northumberland) bt A Tordoff (Kent) 6-2, 6-3; T Callow (Middlesex) bt H Richardson (Northamptonshire) 6-2, 6-2. Boys: D Sherwood (Yorkshire) bt J Monk (Sussex) 7-6, 6-1; I Bates (Hampshire) bt D Kiernan (Durham and Cleveland) 6-3, 6-2.

YACHTING

AMERICAS CUP: Challenger finals: Team New Zealand v oneAustralia, abandoned, time limit. Series: Team New Zealand leads best-of-9 series, 1-0. Defender finals: Stars and Stripes v Mighty Mary, abandoned, time limit.
BOC CHALLENGE: Final stage (from Punta del Este). Leading positions (at 8am yesterday with miles to Charleston, US): Class one: 1, Sceta Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 3,369 miles; 2, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 3,474; 3, Vendee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 3,482; 4, Coyote (D Scully, US) 3,501; 5, Novell South Africa (J J Provoyeur, SA) 4,047; 6, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 4,972. Class two: 1, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 4,630; 2, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 4,674; 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 4,843; 4, Jimroda II (N Vaughan, GB) 4,852; 5, Cornwall (R Davie, GB) 4,934.

RESULTS

Folkestone

Going: firm, hard in places

2.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Banana Cove (T Kent, 5-4 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Pair Of Jacks (11-2); 3, Laughing Gas (16-1). 15 ran. 5l, 10l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.10, £9.60. DF: £5.10. Trio: £38.20. CSF: £9.47.

2.40 (3m 2f ch) 1, Donna Del Lago (G McCourt, 10-11 fav); 2, Sure Pride (9-2); 3, Rubins Boy (4-1). 5 ran. Dist, 14l. Mrs M McCourt. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £5.14.

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Scud Missile (A Thornton, 10-1); 2, Prince Nasha (4-1); 3T, Little Desi (12-1), Dynamic Deluxe (10-1); 3T. Rosie-B 4-5 fav. 8 ran. 3½l, 1¼l. G Johnson Houghton. Tote: £9.60; £3.80, £2.50, Dynamic Deluxe £3.10, Little Desi £2.10. DF: £19.00. Trio: (with Dynamic Deluxe) £40.10; (with Little Desi) £71.00. CSF: £50.91. Tricast: (with Dynamic Deluxe) £195.18; (with Little Desi) £230.57.

3.40 (2m ch) 1, I Have Him (N Williamson, Evens fav); 2, Nandis Moon (14-1); 3, My Senor (16-1). 8 ran. NR: Famous Dancer, Good Spark. Dist, 1l. A Jones. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £7.40. DF: £17.00. CSF: £13.50.

4.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Fighting Days (B Powell, 10-1); 2, Court Rapier (5-2); 3, The Whip (1-2 fav). 4 ran. NR: Black Church. 9l, 7l. A Moore. Tote: £12.00. DF: £9.10. CSF: £30.45.

4.40 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Gampaul Gold (J Osborne, 10-11 fav); 2, Hurricane Blake (5-4); 3, The Humble Tiller (12-1). 5 ran. NR: Karar, Wee Windy. 1½l, 20l. S Dow. Tote: £2.00; £1.70, £1.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.42.

5.10 (2m 1f 110yd flat) 1, Jameswick (T Murphy, 7-1); 2, Murphy's Run (20-1); 3, The Ned (6-1). Fred's Boy 4-6 fav. 11 ran. 5l, ½l. W G M Turner. Tote: £8.10; £1.80, £2.00, £1.20. DF: £27.00. CSF: £122.42. Trio: £230.50.

Placepot: £218.50. Quadpot: £52.90 (0.9 winning tickets. Pool of £8.50 carried forward to Kempton tomorrow).

Sedgefield

Going: firm

2.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Denticulata (K Johnson, 50-1); 2, Keep Battling (9-2 fav); 3, Owes The Till (33-1); 4, Garboni (11-2). 16 ran. NR: Nosmo King, Tigh-Na-Mara. Hd, nk. P Spottiswood. Tote: £87.90; £9.80, £1.30, £3.40, £1.70. DF: £147.90. Trio: not won (pool of £471.84 carried forward to tomorrow). CSF: £246.81. Tricast: £5,828.72.

2.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Solar Nova (M Smith, 9-4); 2, Negobelle (7-4 fav); 3, Stags Fell (14-1). 8 ran. 1½l, 1½l. I Park. Tote: £3.30; £2.20, £1.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.40.

3.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, Another Red (G Hogan, 7-1); 2, Walk You There (6-4 fav); 3, Regan (11-2). 7 ran. NR: Invasion. ½l, 20l. W Raw. Tote: £8.80; £3.00, £1.60. DF: £9.40. CSF: £17.10. Tricast: £55.61.

3.50 (2m 1f ch) 1, Wee River (J Callaghan, 4-7 fav; Richards Evans's nap); 2, The Toaster (5-1); 3, Flowing River (14-1). 9 ran. 3l, 7l. G Moore. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.20, £3.10. DF: £3.80. Trio: £15.20. CSF: £4.46.

4.20 (3m 3f ch) 1, Iveagh Lad (Mr N F Smith, 13-2); 2, Gunmetal Boy (6-4); 3, Final Chant (5-4 fav). 5 ran. 30l, dist. Miss J Sawney. Tote: £8.00; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £16.23.

4.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Val De Rama (P Niven, 11-4 fav); 2, Knucklebuster (9-2); 3, Down The Fell (7-2). 14 ran. NR: Suvla Bay. 1¾l, 2½l. Denys Smith. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £9.20. Trio: £9.60. CSF: £17.04.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £16,586.03 carried forward to Kempton tomorrow).
Placepot: £23.90. Quadpot: £4.50.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

2.00 (7f) 1, Chadleigh Lane (T Ives, 5-4 fav); 2, Sue Me (13-8); 3, Ganador (10-3). 3 ran. 1l, 6l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.20. DF: £1.10. CSF: £3.19.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, Mad Militant (D Denby, 6-4 fav); 2, Hill Farm Dancer (4-1); 3, Steeple (3-1). 7 ran. Nk, 5l. A Forbes. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £4.10. CSF: £7.48.

3.00 (1m 100yd) 1, Merowins (K Fallon, 7-2 fav); 2, Second Colours (7-1); 3, Duello (8-1). 13 ran. Nk, nk. E Alston. Tote: £5.90; £2.40, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £15.20. Trio: £67.30. CSF: £28.37. Tricast: £175.73. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.30 (5f) 1, Chadwell Hall (C Teague, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Scored Again (6-1); 3, Farndale (9-1). King Rambo 11-4 jt-fav. 8 ran. 4l, 1¾l. S Bowring. Tote: £3.70; £1.50, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £14.00. CSF: £18.27. Tricast: £117.62.

4.00 (6f) 1, Cool Tactician (T Ives, 5-1); 2, Sing With The Band (6-1); 3, Status (9-4 fav). 13 ran. ¾l, 4l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £9.30; £2.50, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £23.20. Trio: £55.00. CSF: £36.10.

4.30 (6f) 1, Gi La High (G Carter, 5-2 fav); 2, Nameless (8-1); 3, Tymeera (7-1). 7 ran. ¾l, 6l. J Berry. Tote: £2.80; £3.20, £2.30. DF: £8.90. CSF: £21.15.

5.00 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, My Minnie (B Doyle, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Backstabber (14-1); 3, Maztrah (9-2 jt-fav). Pop To Stans 9-2 jt-fav. 13 ran. 8l, 2½l. B Meehan. Tote: £9.50; £2.90, £1.90, £3.00. DF: £102.50. Trio: £201.80. CSF: £64.89. Tricast: £285.19.
Placepot: £28.80. Quadpot: £31.00.

Point-to-point

MID DEVON (Clyst St Mary) Hunt: 1, Pharoah Blue (P Scholfield, 4-7 fav); 2, Artistic Peace; only two ran. Confined: 1, Great Gusto (Miss L Blackford, 5-4 fav); 2, Ponleus Please; 3, The Doormaker. 7 ran. Open: 1, Olveston (G Turner, 1-3 fav); 2, Just My Bill; 3, Chandigarh; 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Little Lemon (Miss S Vickery, 4-5 fav); 2, Aristocratic Gold; 3, Debjanjo. 5 ran. Restricted: 1, Boxcar Bill (Miss S Vickery, 14-1); 2, No More Nice Guy; 3, Oneovertheeight. 10 ran. Maiden 1: 1, The Butler (Miss A Barnett, 8-1); 2, Morchard Milly; 3, Warwick Road. 13 ran. Maiden 2: 1, Larky McIlroy (Miss S Vickery, 2-1 fav); 2, Good King Henry; 3, Jolly Morion. 12 ran.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE



BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

A sure sign that you are on your way out as a player is to be asked to serve on the Appeals Committee. In a tournament, if there is an infraction, the tournament director gives a ruling. If one side feels aggrieved, they may appeal. Here is a tricky case we had in Malta.

Dealer South North-South game Match pointed pairs

North: ♠9 8 4 ♥J 10 8 7 ♦A J 9 2 ♣9 8
West: ♠Q J 8 ♥K Q 2 ♦Q 10 6 ♣A 7 6 3
East: ♠K 10 3 ♥5 3 ♦8 7 5 4 ♣K Q 5 4
South: ♠A 7 5 2 ♥A 9 6 4 ♦K 3 ♣J 10 2

S	W	N	E
1NT	Dble	Redble	Pass
2.	Dble	2-	Dble
2.	?	All pass	

Two Hearts went one down, and North entered 100 points to East-West on the travelling scoresheet. East-West objected, saying that they had doubled, and so the score should be 200. The tournament director ruled that the contract should be Two Hearts Doubled, as that was consistent with East-West's announced agreement that, once they had doubled one rescue bid, they were not allowed to let the opponents play undoubled.

On the other hand, both North and South had entered Two Hearts undoubled on their personal scorecards, and West had only added the double to her scorecard at some point towards the end of the play. North-South clearly believed that somebody had to be summonsed, so the Appeals Committee was called into action.

The two interpretations of what had happened were:
1. The evidence of the personal scorecards was to be believed. The East-West pair (experienced German internationals), once they had seen that the contract was going down, decided that they would improve their score by claiming that the contract was doubled. West had added the double to her scorecard to add verisimilitude to the fraud.
2. The internal evidence of the bidding was to be believed.

As it was not possible for East to pass out Two Hearts undoubled, she must have seen a double. That meant that North-South (a much less experienced pair) had somehow missed the final double. All this was done with bidding boxes, by the way.

We decided that each side genuinely believed that they were right.

We ruled that the contract should be Two Hearts Doubled. The ruling implied that the explanation of the disagreement was that North-South (the less experienced pair) were the ones to have misheard (actually mis-seen) the bidding. Any views?

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

KEENE on CHESS



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Karpov dominant

The game today game concludes coverage of Anatoly Karpov's sovereign performance in the Monaco blindfold/rapid competition. In the final two rounds, although leading by a point, Karpov extracted the maximum and extended his lead by inflicting a double defeat on Alexei Shirov, the Latvian Grandmaster. Here is Karpov's win with the white pieces.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Alexei Shirov
Monaco, April 1995

Slav Defence

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	e3	e6
5	Nbd2	Nbd7
6	Bd3	Bd6
7	0-0	0-0
8	e4	e5
9	cxd5	cxd5
10	exd5	exd4
11	Ne4	Nxe4
12	Bxe4	Nc5
13	Bc2	Bg4
14	Qxd4	Bxf3
15	gxf3	Re8
16	Be3	Re5
17	Qg4	Nd7
18	f4	Nf6
19	Qf3	Rxd5
20	Bb3	Rf5
21	Qxb7	Bxf4
22	Bxf7+	Kh8
23	Rad1	Qf8
24	Be6	Rb8
25	Qxa7	Rg5+
26	Kh1	Ne4
27	Qf7	Qxf7
28	Bxf7	Bxe3
29	fxe3	h5
30	b3	Nc3
31	Rd2	Re5
32	a4	Rxe3
33	a5	Ne4
34	Ra2	Nd6
35	Bxh5	Rexb3
36	a6	Ra8
37	Bg6	Rb6
38	a7	Kg8
39	Rfa1	Kf8
40	Bh5	Ke7
41	Bf3	Nb7
42	Rg2	g6
43	Be4	Kf7
44	Rc2	Black resigns

Favourite wins

Aaron Summerscale, the international master, was favourite in the St Peter's de Beauvoir event in London, but he could not match the fierce pace set by Neil McDonald, who rattled off 11 successive wins. Summerscale can console himself with this fine win, where his pseudo-sacrifice of a rook on move 26 broke White's resistance.

White: Richard Britton
Black: Aaron Summerscale
St Peters de Beauvoir, London, April 1995

King's Pawn Opening

1	e4	d6
2	d4	Nf6
3	Nc3	c6
4	Nf3	Bg4
5	h3	Bh5
6	Qe2	e6
7	g4	Bg6
8	g5	Nfd7
9	Nh4	Be7
10	Nxg6	hxg6
11	h4	d5
12	Be3	Qa5
13	0-0-0	Bb4
14	Bd2	Bxc3
15	Bxc3	Qxa2
16	Bg2	Nb6
17	b3	Qa3+
18	Bb2	Qe7
19	Kb1	Na6
20	Rh3	0-0-0
21	c4	Rhe8
22	c5	Nd7
23	e5	Rh8
24	Bc3	Nc7
25	Qe2	Nb5
26	Bf1	Rxh4
27	Rg3	Nxc3+
28	Rxc3	Qxg5
29	Qxa7	Nb8
30	b4	Qf5+
31	Rc2	Rh2
32	Bd3	Qg4
33	Rdd2	Qxd4
34	Rb2	Rh1+
35	Ka2	Qxe5
36	b5	Qc7
37	Rb3	cxb5
38	Bxb5	Rc1
39	Ba4	Rh8
40	Rb6	Rhh1
41	Qa8	Ra1+
42	Kb3	Rh3+

White resigns

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HUSS
a. A Russian sledge-dog
b. A Chess gambit
c. The spotted dogfish

JIGOTAI
a. Paper flowers
b. A Thai coronet
c. A defensive posture

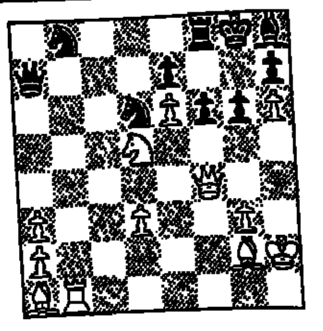
KOTATSU
a. Raw marinated beef
b. A temple prostitute
c. A hearth quilt

MINNELIED
a. A love song
b. A white lie
c. A Hungarian terrier

Answers: page 35

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Mestrovic — Payen, Cannes 1995. How did White finish off the game by spotting a neat tactical opportunity?

Solution: page 35

Pick your Fantasy First XI and win £10,000

THE cricket season is underway and *The Times* game has begun with it, bigger and better than before, with the chance to win £250 a week during the season and, for the best performance of the summer, a top prize of £10,000.

In association with Company Barclaycard, the United Kingdom's leading corporate charge card, we have renewed our exclusive arrangement with the Test and County Cricket Board to present *The Times* Fantasy First XI. The great strengths of last year's game, First Class XI, have been preserved. It is up to you to select the team you think will sweep the board. Every first-class run your players score and every first-class wicket they take will count towards your total. There are no artificial additives, no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of your selection skills and your eye for first-class talent.

But we have introduced some big improvements. We have simplified the rules, deepened the pool of players and introduced the chance to change your team during the season.

We have added the West Indies touring party to our list of overseas players, making the likes of Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose available for selection. We have dispensed with the captains' category and replaced the reserve system with a transfer season.

Starting on May 4, we will carry the full list of players' first-class scores and the names of the top 100 entries every Thursday, but, for the first time, we are also providing a Fantasy First XI hotline, so you can check your team's progress when it suits you.

This year, there is a new service designed to enable groups of players at home or at work to measure their selection skills against each other by forming a mini-league. You will also be able to enter an office team and try to win the Company Barclaycard League. Full details of these services will be published next week.

Our new, improved cricket game offers you the chance to celebrate the start of another season and put your selection skills to the test

The rules are simple:

1) Select five batsmen.
2) Select one all-rounder.
3) Select one wicketkeeper.
4) Select four bowlers.
5) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player.
6) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star.

All players must be selected according to the categories published here (for example a player such as Graeme Hick, listed here as an all-rounder, may only be selected as an all-rounder, not as a batsman; Phillip DeFreitas is listed here as an all-rounder — he may not be selected as a bowler).

There will be a seven-day transfer season (July 12-18, when no first-class cricket is due to be played), during which you will be able to change up to four members of your team, although your final XI must still conform to the six rules above. You do not have to change your team at all, but, if you choose to, you will receive the points scored by your original selection up to July 12 and those scored by the revised selection from the moment first-class play resumes on July 18.

Apart from these transfers, no changes will be allowed. No substitutions can be made, so it is worth bearing in mind the injury records of the players available. If a player is not playing first-class cricket, then he is not scoring in the Fantasy First XI.

Scoring: you score according to the performance of your players. For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

In the event of a tie, the scores of the rising star will be decisive. If another tie-break is necessary, its form will be decided by *The Times* Fantasy First XI panel.

Fixtures: *The Times* Fantasy First XI season runs from yesterday (April 13) until September 18 but the deadline for entries is noon, April 27. Postal entries must be received by April 27. Only first-class matches, as designated by the Test and County Cricket Board, throughout the season (including those played before the closing date for entries to this competition) will count. One-day games do not count.

As last year, you can enter by phone or by post. Phone calls will be charged at 39 per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. An average call should last no more than six minutes.

Please note that postal entries must be accompanied by a fee of £2.50, and cheques should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

England regulars may not provide the most points

BY SIMON WILDE

CHOOSING a team for the Fantasy First XI competition involves many delicate decisions. If your first-choice players are affected by injuries and dramatic losses of form, there will be nothing you can do about replacing them until the transfer period arrives in mid-July. But there are ways in which you can enhance the prospects of your side from the outset.

One is to think carefully before choosing any player who might be called on regularly by England, who are involved in a Texaco Trophy series and six Cornhill Test matches against West Indies. The Texaco Trophy will deprive all the England players except those from Surrey of one first-class match for their counties — and their performances in the three one-day internationals will not, of course, count towards the Fantasy First XI game.

And, while runs scored, wickets taken and wicket-keeping dismissals accomplished in the Test matches *will* count, these will be all the harder to come by against the might of West Indies. Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, who have retired from international cricket and might be expected to score heavily in the less fierce environment of county cricket, could well be more productive selections than, say, Michael Atherton and Darren Gough, who will miss seven and six championship matches respectively if they play in every England international.

Other shrewd selections might be those players who spend the summer pushing hard to regain their England places — players, perhaps, such as Robin Smith, Andrew Caddick and Martin McCague.

Another delicate decision is the choice of overseas player. Thirteen players are listed below who are expected to be included in the West Indies tour party, which will not be announced until later this month. They offer some valuable options, such as Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, but it should be borne in mind that the West Indians' 14 first-class matches outside the Test matches may be used partly as preparation for the internationals.

An alternative is to select one of the overseas players attached to first-class counties. Seventeen such cricketers are listed below. Surrey, the eighteenth county, having not yet confirmed their choice in the wake of Waqar Younis's injury problems.

It should be noted that a number of overseas county players will not join their teams until after the season has begun and will miss fixtures as a result. Manoj Prabhakar, who is playing in Sharjah, misses Durham's match with Oxford University which started yesterday and Mark Waugh, who is touring the Caribbean with Australia, will not join Essex until May 16. By then, his county will have completed championship matches against Leicestershire and Worcestershire and a three-day fixture with Cambridge University.

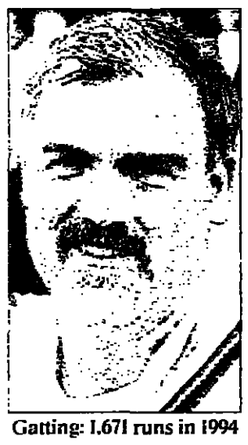
Ottis Gibson, Glamorgan's nominated overseas player, will not learn until April 21 whether he will be playing for them or touring with West Indies. If he is available to Glamorgan, he will join them in time for the start of their championship campaign but will have missed the county's match against Oxford University.

Aravinda de Silva, of Kent, Mushtaq Ahmed, of Somerset, and Wasim Akram, of Lancashire, may all leave their counties early to take part in a Test series between Pakistan and Sri Lanka scheduled for September.

A number of county cricketers may be taken away from their counties to play for England Under-19, who meet their South African counterparts in two one-day internationals and three Test matches between July 1 and August 13. Most prominent among these will be Marcus Trescothick, the England Under-19 captain, who will miss three championship matches for Somerset as a result. Under-19 matches are not first-class.

Neither Tom Moody, of Worcestershire, nor Michael Bevan, of Yorkshire, will be chosen for the Australia A party that will tour England and Wales in July and August. The Australia A players will be ineligible for the game.

Two Oxford University players who join counties after the University match finishes on July 7 have been included: Gregor Macmillan, a batsman, will be added to Leicestershire's staff, and Richard Yeabsley will supplement Middlesex's bowling strength. Yeabsley's appearances for Oxford, though, may be restricted by examination demands.



Gatting: 1,671 runs in 1994



Gough: 62 wickets in 1994



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Send your entries to: Times Fantasy First XI
Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU2 ONS

SELECT A TEAM TO BEAT THE BEST

There are six basic rules:

1) You must select five batsmen.
2) You must select one all-rounder.
3) You must select one wicketkeeper.
4) You must select four bowlers.
5) Your XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player.
6) Your XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star.

All players must be selected according to the categories published below. Only matches designated first-class by the TCCB will count.

(1) In this section please enter the five batsmen you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (001-123) as batsmen. You may pick any number of players from any county but remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every run your batsmen make and every wicket they take will count towards your team's total.

(2) Please enter your selected all-rounder who must be drawn from numbers 124-165, in this section.

(3) Your wicketkeeper (from numbers 166-185) will score with each run and each catch or stumping.

(4) In this section please enter the four bowlers you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (186-287) as bowlers. Again, remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every wicket your bowlers take and every run they make will count towards your total.

SCORING

For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each wicketkeeping dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

How to enter by phone or post

THE 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on Thursday April 27, the day the Britannic Assurance County Championship begins. Runs scored and wickets taken in the first-class games before that date will not count in Fantasy First XI. But beware the last-minute rush.

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 700565**.

Then follow the step-by-step instructions. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers.

Make sure you have picked one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* Fantasy First XI bat to record your selections and your PIN.

Calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Each call will last about six minutes.

Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters. If a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

Readers wishing to enter by post should complete their Fantasy First XI bat and send it (photocopies are not acceptable) with a cheque or postal order for £2.50 to *The Times* Fantasy First XI, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 0NS. Cheques should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

All entries, whether by telephone or post, will be acknowledged. Queries should be made direct to Abacus on 01582 457444, quoting *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

FULL LIST OF FANTASY FIRST XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-123)

Pick five players from this category

001 C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 ....J C Adams (West Indians)
003 ....G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 .....K L T Arthurton (West Indians)
005 ....A J Dell (Warwickshire)
006 ....M A Atherton (Lancashire)
007 ....C W J Athey (Sussex)
008 ....R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
009 ....K J Barnett (Derbyshire)
010 ....M P Bicknell (Surrey)
011 .....M G Bevan (Yorkshire)
012 ....D J Bicknell (Surrey)
013 ....T J Boon (Leicestershire)
014 ....P D Bowler (Somerset)
015 ....N E Brers (Leicestershire)
016 ....K D Brown (Surrey)
017 ....D Byas (Yorkshire)
018 .....S L Campbell (West Indians)
019 ....J D Carr (Middlesex)
020 .....S Chanderpaul (West Indians)
021 ....M Church (Worcestershire)
022 ....P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
023 ....G R Cowdrey (Kent)
024 ....J P Crawley (Lancashire)
025 .....W J Cronje (Leicestershire)
026 ....D J Cullinan (Derbyshire)
027 ....T S Curtis (Worcestershire)
028 ....J A Daley (Durham)
029 ....P J Dawson (Gloucestershire)
030 .....P A de Silva (Kent)
031 ....M P Dowman (Nottinghamshire)
032 ....N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
033 ....A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
034 ....J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
035 ....M W Gatting (Middlesex)
036 ....G A Gooch (Essex)
037 ....P P Grayson (Yorkshire)
038 ....A Greenfield (Sussex)
039 ....J W Hall (Sussex)
040 ....T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
041 ....P J Harden (Somerset)
042 ....A N Hayhurst (Somerset)
043 .....G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
044 ....D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
045 ....G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
046 ....A J Hollioake (Surrey)
047 ....N Hussain (Essex)
048 ....* S Hutton (Durham)
049 ....S P James (Glamorgan)
050 ....P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 ....M Keech (Hampshire)
052 ....S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 ....N V Knight (Warwickshire)
054 ....A J Lamb (Northamptonshire)
055 .....B C Lara (West Indians)
056 ....M N Lathwell (Somerset)
057 ....W Larkins (Durham)
058 ....D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
059 ....N J Lenham (Sussex)
060 ....J D B Lewis (Essex)
061 ....N J Liddle (Kent)
062 ....G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
063 ....J J Longley (Durham)
064 ....M B Love (Northamptonshire)
065 ....M A Lynch (Gloucestershire)
066 ....G I Macmillan (Oxford Univ and Leicestershire)
067 ....M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
068 ....A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
069 ....T C Middleton (Hampshire)
070 ....A J Moles (Warwickshire)
071 ....* R R Montgomerie (Northamptonshire)
072 ....T M Moody (Worcestershire)
073 ....H Morris (Glamorgan)
074 ....J E Morris (Durham)
075 ....R S M Morris (Hampshire)
076 ....M D Moxon (Yorkshire)
077 ....M C J Nicholas (Hampshire)
078 ....T J G O Gorman (Derbyshire)
079 ....D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
080 ....B Parker (Yorkshire)
081 ....T L Penney (Warwickshire)
082 ....P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
083 ....J C Pooley (Middlesex)
084 ....P J Prichard (Essex)
085 ....M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
086 ....T A Radford (Middlesex)
087 ....J D Ratcliffe (Surrey)
088 .....R B Richardson (West Indians)
089 ....D D J Robinson (Essex)
090 ....P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
091 ....R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire)
092 ....* A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
093 ....M A Roseberry (Durham)
094 ....* D Sales (Northamptonshire)
095 ....M Saxelby (Durham)
096 ....N Shahid (Surrey)
097 ....A Singh (Warwickshire)
098 ....B F Smith (Leicestershire)
099 ....R A Smith (Hampshire)
100 ....N J Speak (Lancashire)
101 ....M P Speight (Sussex)
102 ....A J Stewart (Surrey)
103 ....A Symonds (Gloucestershire)
104 ....N R Taylor (Kent)
105 ....V P Terry (Hampshire)
106 ....G P Thorpe (Surrey)
107 ....S P Titchard (Lancashire)
108 ....M E Trescothick (Somerset)
109 ....R G Twose (Warwickshire)
110 ....M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
111 ....* M J Walker (Kent)
112 ....D M Ward (Surrey)
113 ....T R Ward (Kent)
114 ....R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
115 .....M E Waugh (Essex)
116 ....A P Wells (Sussex)
117 ....W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
118 ....G W White (Hampshire)
119 ....J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
120 ....P R Whitaker (Hampshire)
121 .....S C Williams (West Indians)
122 ....* M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
123 ....A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (124-165)

Pick one player from this category

124 ....M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
125 ....I D Austin (Lancashire)
126 ....P Bainbridge (Durham)
127 ....* M A Butcher (Surrey)
128 .....C L Cairns (Nottinghamshire)
129 ....D G Cork (Derbyshire)
130 ....R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
131 ....K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
132 ....A Dale (Glamorgan)
133 ....P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
134 ....* S C Ecclestone (Somerset)
135 ....K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
136 ....M V Fleming (Kent)
137 .....O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
138 ....G A Hick (Worcestershire)
139 .....C L Hooper (West Indians)
140 ....P C Irani (Essex)
141 ....K D James (Hampshire)
142 ....S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
143 ....C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
144 ....G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
145 .....Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)
146 .....D J Nash (Middlesex)
147 ....A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
148 .....M Prabhakar (Durham)
149 ....D A Reeve (Warwickshire)
150 ....G D Rose (Somerset)
151 ....A W Smith (Surrey)
152 ....N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
153 ....P A Smith (Warwickshire)
154 ....J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
155 .....F D Stephenson (Sussex)
156 ....J P Stephenson (Hampshire)
157 ....C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
158 .....S D Udal (Hampshire)
159 .....Wasim Akram (Lancashire)
160 ....M Watkinson (Lancashire)
161 ....G Welch (Warwickshire)
162 ....C M Wells (Derbyshire)
163 ....V J Wells (Leicestershire)
164 .....P N Weekes (Middlesex)
165 ....C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (166-185)

Pick one player from this category

166 ....A N Aymes (Hampshire)
167 ....R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
168 ....K R Brown (Middlesex)
169 ....M A Garnham (Essex)
170 ....W K Hegg (Lancashire)
171 .....G J Kersey (Surrey)
172 .....K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
173 ....S A Marsh (Kent)
174 ....C P Metson (Glamorgan)
175 ....P Moores (Sussex)
176 .....J R Murray (West Indians)
177 ....P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
178 ....W M Noon (Nottinghamshire)
179 ....K J Piper (Warwickshire)
180 ....S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
181 ....D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
182 .....R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
183 .....N F Sargeant (Surrey)
184 ....C W Scott (Durham)
185 ....R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (186-287)

Pick four players from this category

186 ....J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
187 ....* U Afzaal (Nottinghamshire)
188 .....C E L Ambrose (West Indians)
189 ....S J W Andrew (Essex)
190 ....M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
191 ....A A Barnett (Lancashire)
192 ....S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
193 ....S J Base (Derbyshire)
194 ....J D Batty (Somerset)
195 ....J E Benjamin (Surrey)
196 .....K C G Benjamin (West Indians)
197 .....W K M Benjamin (West Indians)
198 ....M P Bicknell (Surrey)
199 ....J Boiling (Durham)
200 ....* J N B Bovill (Dudley)
201 ....J E Emburey (Worcestershire)
202 ....M Broadhurst (Nottinghamshire)
203 ....S J E Brown (Durham)
204 ....A R Caddick (Somerset)
205 ....G Chapple (Lancashire)
206 ....J H Childs (Essex)
207 ....C A Connor (Hampshire)
208 ....N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
209 ....K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
210 ....* D M Cousins (Essex)
211 ....N G Cowans (Hampshire)
212 ....D M Cox (Durham)
213 ....P P Davis (Warwickshire)
214 ....M Denning (Somerset)
215 .....A A Donald (Warwickshire)
216 ....M A Feltham (Kent)
217 .....J E Emburey (Middlesex)
218 ....M Feltham (Middlesex)
219 ....M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
220 ....D P J Flint (Hampshire)
221 ....M J Foster (Northamptonshire)
222 ....A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
223 .....E S H Giddins (Sussex)
224 ....D Gough (Yorkshire)
225 ....F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
226 ....P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
227 ....D W Headley (Kent)
228 ....E E Hemmings (Sussex)
229 ....J E Hindson (Nottinghamshire)
230 .....J G Hughes (Northamptonshire)
231 ....A P Igglesden (Kent)
232 ....R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
233 ....M C Ilott (Essex)
234 ....P W Jarvis (Sussex)
235 ....R L Johnson (Middlesex)
236 .....* G Keedy (Lancashire)
237 ....N M Kendrick (Glamorgan)
238 .....A Kumble (Northamptonshire)
239 ....D R Law (Sussex)
240 ....R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
241 .....* J D Lewry (Sussex)
242 ....S Lugsden (Durham)
243 ....M J McCague (Kent)
244 ....D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
245 ....N A Mallender (Northamptonshire)
246 ....P J Martin (Lancashire)
247 ....R J Maru (Hampshire)
248 ....D J Millns (Leicestershire)
249 ....A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
250 ....T A Munton (Warwickshire)
251 ....P J Newport (Worcestershire)
252 ....G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
253 ....M M Patel (Kent)
254 ....R M Pearson (Essex)
255 ....D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
256 ....R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
257 ....A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
258 ....A C S Pigott (Surrey)
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267 ....A M Smith (Gloucestershire)
268 ....* V Solanki (Worcestershire)
269 .....J Srinath (Gloucestershire)
270 .....H H Streak (Hampshire)
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272 .....R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
273 ....P M Such (Essex)
274 ....J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
275 ....S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
276 .....M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
277 ....H R J Trump (Somerset)
278 .....P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
279 .....A P van Troost (Somerset)
280 .....C A Walsh (West Indians)
281 ....A E Warner (Derbyshire)
282 ....S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
283 ....N F Williams (Essex)
284 ....R C Williams (Gloucestershire)
285 .....J Wood (Durham)
286 ....G Yates (Lancashire)
287 .....* R S Yeabsley (Oxford Univ and Middlesex)

Bold type overseas player
* rising star

PICK YOUR FANTASY FIRST XI

You must include in your team one player from each of these two categories

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
188: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
004: K L T Arthurton (batsman)
196: K C G Benjamin (bowler)
187: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
011: M G Bevan (batsman)
126: G L Cairns (all-rounder)
018: S L Campbell (batsman)
020: S Chanderpaul (batsman)
025: W J Cronje (batsman)
026: D J Cullinan (batsman)
030: P A de Silva (batsman)
216: A A Donald (bowler)
137: O D Gibson (all-rounder)
139: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
239: A Kumble (bowler)
055: B C Lara (batsman)
072: T M Moody (batsman)
176: J R Murray (wicketkeeper)
145: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
146: D J Nash (all-rounder)
148: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
088: R B Richardson (batsman)
272: J Srinath (bowler)
155: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
273: H H Streak (bowler)
280: C A Walsh (bowler)
159: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)
115: M E Waugh (batsman)
121: S C Williams (batsman)

Rising stars

187: U Afzaal (bowler)
200: J N B Bovill (bowler)
127: M A Butcher (all-rounder)
210: D M Cousins (bowler)
134: S Ecclestone (all-rounder)
048: S Hutton (batsman)
236: G Keedy (bowler)
241: J D Lewry (bowler)
071: R R Montgomerie (batsman)
092: A S Rollins (batsman)
094: D Sales (batsman)
265: C E W Silverwood (bowler)
268: V Solanki (bowler)
111: M J Walker (batsman)
122: M G N Windows (batsman)
287: R S Yeabsley (bowler)

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University bowlers struggle as cricket season starts under blue skies

Three Yorkshire batsmen gorge on weak bowling

BY SIMON WILDE

FENNER'S (first day of three; Cambridge won toss): Cambridge University, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 467 runs behind Yorkshire

YESTERDAY at Fenner's had almost everything the impartial onlooker could have asked for. Taking advantage of the approaching Easter break, blue skies and warm sunshine, several hundred people poured through the gates to savour the start of another season and an orgy of run-making. Martyn Moxon scored 130, David Byas a career-best 181 and Michael Bevan, recruited from New South Wales, an unbeaten 113 on his first county appearance in this country.

The only thing that was missing was a purpose. What was the point of these run-hungry professional batsmen thrashing flagging undergraduate trundlers to all parts of the ground? On this evidence, the only conclusion was that there was not one. Cambridge University, who do not possess one player contracted to a first-class county.

Their one proven bowler on show yesterday was Haste, who plucked out the off stump of Vaughan in his second over of the day. The next three wickets realised 235, 132 and 106 runs respectively. Vaughan, who had a disappointing winter tour of India with England A, must have difficulty remembering his last worthwhile score. Certainly, every one of the 60 fours and two sixes with which his colleagues peppered the boundary can have only added to his misery.

Traditional alone now dictates that Oxford and Cambridge Universities are worthy of first-class status. They will not retain it on merit until they adopt a broad admissions policy of accepting cricketers for their sporting ability alone. At the moment, entrants must have brains first and cricketing prowess second.

A growing body of opinion finds this the more unacceptable because there are outstanding young players around the country who are desperate for an extended run in top-class cricket. These players include most of the members of the England Under-19 party that toured West Indies, with some success, in the winter.

Graham Saville, the England Under-19 manager and, as it happens, Cambridge University's coach, reckons that only one of that party will start the season in his county first XI. Some of the others, he feels, might play first-team cricket at some stage this season. The others may have to wait one or two years for their chance.

If the soon-to-be English Cricket Board is serious about raising standards, it could begin by creating an "Academy" team that could fulfil the sort of fixture lists that Oxford and Cambridge carry out.

If yesterday was anything to go by, Cambridge's other problem — that of their square — is over. Once the truest in the country, it finished bottom of the class last season as far as the first-class umpires were concerned. But a winter of hard work has seen great strides made.

It was certainly to the liking of the Yorkshire batsmen. Moxon and Byas jostled for the first century of the season, Moxon getting there 25 minutes ahead of his partner, at ten minutes to three. By then many of the spectators, but not the scoreboard operator, were close to slumber, though most later stirred to admire the wristy elegance of Bevan.

Bevan may or may not have been making his first-class debut for Yorkshire yesterday, depending on the status, yet to be decided, of a three-day match against a Western Province XI. In that match he scored 140. It cannot have been any easier than yesterday.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Carroll b Clarke	130
M P Vaughan b Haste	1
D Byas c and b Fresth	181
M G Bevan not out	113
C White not out	50
Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 2)	4
Total (3 wkts dec, 98.3 overs)	479

†R J Blakey, A P Grayson, P J Hartley, G M Hamilton, R D Stemp and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-241, 3-373.

BOWLING: Haste 12-2-58-1; Clarke 7-0-55-1; Janisch 23-2-112-0; Whittall 25.3-7-119-0; Fresth 25-3-111-1; Ratledge 3-0-28-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R T Ragnauth not out	2
R Q Cake not out	10
Total (no wkt, 6 overs)	12

J Ratledge, J P Carroll, R A Bellye, †D R H Churton, L P Clarke, *A R Whittall, N J Haste, A N Janisch and J W O Fresth to bat.

BOWLING: Hartley 3-0-8-0; Hamilton 3-2-4-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and R Julian.



Byas plays a handsome drive off Whittall during the course of a career-best innings of 181 against Cambridge University at Fenner's: Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Morris caught short as Roseberry meanders along

BY JACK BAILEY

THE PARKS (first day of three, Durham won toss): Durham have scored 272 for four wickets against Oxford University

LITTLE has changed. The Parks in the sunshine was a joy to behold. The pitch was true, the scoreboard as forgivably eccentric as ever. The first match of the season saw Durham bat all day against cheerfully keen fielding and one or two promising spells of bowling by unfamiliar undergraduates, both of which managed to restrict Durham's batting within the bounds of fewer than three runs an over.

The day's pleasure was not harmed by its predictability. Those who know him were not surprised by Mike Roseberry translating his first match as the Durham captain in to the need to stay at the crease as long as possible. This meant an innings of four hours and 20 minutes during which he proceeded, in a measured way, to 90 and had a good view of the prime form of John Morris, who helped him add 163 from 51 overs.

Morris reached the third 99 of his career with a weight of stroke to which nobody else aspired. Three sixes, one of them high and straight over the pavilion, came his way as did 11 fours, all made with the timing and economy of effort which brought him a tour of Australia in 1990-91 and saw him at the head of Durham's batting last season.

He was out chipping to short mid-wicket the ball he intended to push for the vital single to complete his hundred, and if this was the surprise of the day, it was a mild one. That he should fall to Gregor Macmillan, the Oxford captain and off spinner, was not entirely unexpected. Macmillan has a faith in his own bowling rarely recognised by his predecessor and he kept a fair line and length throughout the day, as did Malik.

There was promise, too, in the seam bowling of two freshmen — Angus MacRobert and David Mather. MacRobert's virtue of keeping the ball up to the bat and giving it a chance to swing befitted a man who has played for Western Province and accounted early for Saxelby, caught at second slip.

Mather, a left-arm medium fast bowler, ended Roseberry's innings with the help of a fine catch, taken high and wide by Townsend, and cut off Daley just as he was beginning to blossom.

With more sympathetic field-setting, Justin Ricketts, the captain of the Authentics last year, could also be an asset. His leg breaks have achieved little turn as yet, but he kept the ball well up to the bat and had the batsmen reaching for him. Not much of a day, perhaps, for those who crave excitement in large dollops, but one to treasure.

SCOREBOARD

DURHAM: First Innings

*M A Roseberry c Townsend b Mather	90
M Saxelby c Macmillan b MacRobert	16
J E Morris c Ricketts b Macmillan	99
J A Daley b Mather	20
J I Longley not out	37
S Hutton not out	3
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (4 wkts, 98 overs)	272

†C W Scott, J Boiling, J Wood, A Walker and S J E Brown to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-192, 3-211, 4-254

BOWLING: MacRobert 22-2-67-1, Martin 4-0-22-0; Mather 20-4-43-2, Ricketts 12-3-43-0; Macmillan 24-5-53-1, Malik 16-6-35-0; Kendall 1-0-6-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *G I Macmillan, I J Sutcliffe, C M Gupte, A C Ridley, W S Kendall, H S Malik, N F C Martin, A D MacRobert, J D Ricketts, †C J Townsend and D P Mather.

Umpires: J W Holder and M J Kitchen

Test hold-up shortened by helicopter

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN ST JOHN'S, ANTIGUA

A SUCCESSION of heavy showers, starting after tea on Wednesday and continuing until daybreak here yesterday, meant that the second Test match between West Indies and Australia was almost certain to be drawn.

Yesterday was the last day and, by the time play was resumed, only three hours five minutes were left. After half an hour's batting, during which they did not lose a wicket while Steve Waugh and Reiffel added 27 runs, Australia declared, which left West Indies needing 257 to win in 36 overs, something which they were unlikely to attempt.

In similar conditions, the Test against Pakistan on this same ground two years ago was called off soon after breakfast on the last morning, also when there was the prospect of a good finish. The officials on that occasion were Dickie Bird and Steve Bucknor in the white coats, and Raman Subba Row as the referee. This time, they were David Shepherd and the same Steve Bucknor, with Majid Khan the referee.

I think, and hope, that there is an increasing awareness of the need to make do and mend on these occasions, and the efforts which got play going were commendable. It was an anti-climax, even so, when, with the players back on the field at last and ready to start, it was discovered that the pitch had not been rolled. Somewhat perversely, Taylor, the Australia captain, insisted that it should be.

There must be a good many village cricket clubs round the world that have more sophisticated equipment than Antigua's Recreation Ground for mopping up after rain. However, not many would be in a position to send for a helicopter, as happened yesterday, to hover over the wetter patches so that the rotor blade could serve as a kind of blow dryer.

At first sight, the area around the tarpaulins which covered the pitch was such a quagmire that it seemed wishful to think that there could be any play inside a week. Yet Bobby Simpson and the Australian side would have none of that and eventually, with sawdust everywhere, their optimism proved justified.

When play was called off on Wednesday afternoon, the match was still wide open. With three second-innings wickets left, Australia led by 229 runs. They were fancying their chances more, I imagine, than the West Indians. The pitch was becoming a little worn, and in their three previous innings in this series, West Indies had managed totals of only 195, 189, and 216.

Steve Waugh was playing another vital innings for Australia. He is such a good cricketer, although there was a time, in January, when he may have been wondering whether he still was. Against England, he had made successive scores of 1 and 0 in the third Test Match at Sydney, 0 in a one-day international at Melbourne, and 19 and 0 in the fourth Test in Adelaide, and he had not bowled since dislocating his right shoulder in Pakistan in October.

Then came 99 not out and 80 in the last Test match, in Perth, and 64 in Australia's next Test, in Barbados, and there he was on Wednesday holding them together again.

To add to that, he captured the prized wickets of Lara and Hooper, which he took in the space of four balls on Sunday when Taylor gave him his first Test bowl for nearly six months. It will be a long time yet before Australia's opponents have seen the last of the Waugh twins.

A radar gun, used to give television viewers an instant reading of the speed of bowlers' deliveries, has received approval from the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) and will be used as part of Sky Sports' coverage of the coming season. The satellite channel will also be allowed to place a microphone inside the stumps to pick up sounds around the bat. However, the innovation of umpires wearing a miniature camera clipped to their pockets was rejected by the TCCB.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 216 (C A Walsh 6 for 54).

Second Innings

*M A Taylor c Murray b Walsh	5
M J Slater c Richardson b Walsh	18
D C Boon lbw b W K M Benjamin	67
M E Waugh b W K M Benjamin	61
S R Waugh not out	65
G S Blewett c Williams b Hooper	19
†I A Healy c Hooper b Walsh	26
B P Julian run out	6
P R Reiffel not out	13
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 10)	20
Total (7 wkts dec)	300

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-43, 3-149, 4-162, 5-186, 6-254, 7-273.

BOWLING: Ambrose 16-3-42-0; Walsh 36-7-82-3, W K M Benjamin 24-2-72-2, K C G Benjamin 15-1-51-0; Arthurton 1-0-1-0, Hooper 9-3-18-1, Adams 4-0-16-0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 260 (B C Lara 88)

Umpires: S Bucknor (West Indies) and D R Shepherd (England). Match referee: Majid Khan (Pakistan)

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SPORTS LETTERS

Time to face professionalism

From Mr Johnny Sutton

Sir, The article by Mark Souster and David Hands (April 6), about steps being taken by the Rugby Football Union to limit the number of non-England qualified players who may appear in the Courage Clubs Championship, ignored the most important issue underlying the influx of Scottish and Irish players to the English game.

There is no doubt that the standard of league rugby in England is way above that found in both Scotland and Ireland. There is no doubt, either, that the better players from any country would always want to play at the highest level as often as possible.

However, the arrival of non-English players is not some plot by the Scots or Irish to raise the standard of their international sides by using the English system. Nor do Irish and Scottish players feel some great calling to leave their native countries to savour the aesthetic beauty of places such as West Hartlepool and Northampton.

In reality, the players involved sign forms for those clubs which offer them the most attractive packages. We are not talking here just about jobs or expenses, but houses, cars, and more. I don't believe this is a bad thing, and strongly expect the game will move more and more quickly down this road over the next few years as it transfers onto a semi-professional basis.

What is clear, however, is that the RFU is, as usual, shying away from the main issue facing rugby union. Instead of instigating an insular system for the leagues, it should be making all efforts to bring the issue of professionalism out in the open, so that rugby can move on, leaving behind the old school image still perpetrated by the RFU committee and which has nothing to do with the modern game.

Yours sincerely,
JOHNNY SUTTON,
34 Alma Road, SW18.

Towns of broken dreams

From Mr George Dawson

Sir, As a youngster in Castleford I had one true dream — just one. I wanted to play rugby league at Wheldon Road for "Cas". I was never going to make it, but that dream gave me hope and gave me a target to aim for.

Thirty-odd years on, having lived in Castleford and in Featherstone before moving away to find work, I have never lost my love of rugby league nor my support of Castleford.

I have not lost my great admiration for those rugby league coaches and other individuals who work with youngsters in the towns and villages around Castleford, Featherstone and Wakefield encouraging those youngsters to work hard, building teamwork and giving those youngsters a chance.

Abandoning Castleford, Featherstone and Wakefield rugby league clubs in a merger to Calder (report, April 10) reduces the chances for those youngsters, as well as destroying links with the supporters of the three clubs.

The chairmen of the rugby league clubs should think again before they so easily throw away what has taken generations to build.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE DAWSON,
115 Heatherstone Avenue,
Dibden Purlieu,
Southampton.

Innocents abroad

From Mr James Slack

Sir, The reputation of the English football supporter abroad has again been seriously tarnished during Chelsea's visit to Real Zaragoza (report, April 7). Whilst the behaviour of a fringe element within the Chelsea support was deplorable, this does not excuse the behaviour of the Spanish police.

When trouble erupted, a significant proportion of the Chelsea followers remained seated, presumably because they wished to play no part in the events they were witnessing. A number of these supporters were, however, struck repeatedly and forcibly around the head whilst they continued to remain seated.

The younger generation is continually told that violence should not be condoned in any form. This statement is difficult to support when television pictures depict supposed law enforcers committing acts of unprovoked violence.

If anything positive is to be drawn from the incident, it must be that the English police are unequalled in their handling of the football supporter. They should be highly commended.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES A. SLACK,
20 Walford Road,
Killamarsh,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

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Poor justice

From Mr Alan Challoner

Sir, Mr John Byrne asks, "When will we get justice based on the law . . .?" (Sports Letters, April 6), referring to the case of Eric Cantona.

Cantona was an employee and the spectator was a customer. In almost any other form of employment, if an employee treated a customer, regardless of verbal provocation, in the way that Cantona did, he would probably be dismissed summarily for gross misconduct.

Looked at objectively, Cantona's "punishment" was a fine of two weeks' wages and an eight-month holiday with pay.

If he should now move to another club for an estimated £5 million, he will pocket a presumed signing-on fee in the region of £500,000. Where else will a comparable misdemeanour produce such "poor justice"?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN CHALLONER,
13 The Village,
Bodelwyddan,
Clwyd.

Game of skill

From Mr Richard Godfrey

Sir, Reading your reports on the Masters (April 7, 8, 10) reminds me of the golf I played in Botswana. It is very difficult to grow decent grass in the desert so the greens were "browns", oil-bound sand rolled flat. Very fast.

With much effort, some sparse and straggly grass was cultivated on the fairways. The "rough" was just sand — like one big bunker, really.

To protect the precious grass, it was a club rule that every shot on the fairway had to be teed up. If you were skilful enough to keep on the fairway and to avoid the bunkers, a game of golf became a *real* game of skill because there were no chance hazards such as bad lies or trees in the way. There were, of course, no water hazards either.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GODFREY,
Westfield,
Portsmouth Road,
Milford,
Godalming,
Surrey.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Lech	150	330	good	powder	fair	snow	-1	13/4
(Fresh snow but mixed visibility; slushy low down)								
Obergurgl	50	150	good	varied	fair	fine	4	13/4
(Overnight snow giving good skiing, resort not too busy)								
St Anton	45	410	good	powder	slush	sun	0	13/4
(Excellent skiing on all but lowest runs; Valluga superb)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	190	450	fair	heavy	fair	sun	1	10/4
(Spring conditions on most runs; windy at altitude)								
Avoriaz	250	355	good	spring	good	cloud	4	13/4
(Dusting of fresh snow on a varied base)								
Chamonix	20	495	good	powder	closed	sun	12	13/4
(Unexpected fall of new snow giving excellent skiing)								
Courchevel	160	310	good	spring	fair	fine	6	29/3
(Very good Easter skiing; pistes well maintained)								
Val Thorens	200	370	good	varied	good	fine	4	13/4
(Excellent spring skiing after overnight snowfall)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	60	400	good	heavy	slushy	sun	14	10/4
(Good spring skiing on upper runs; worn patches low down)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	30	240	fair	spring	slushy	fine	6	13/4
(Dusting of fresh snow overnight; good spring skiing)								
Mürren	70	165	fair	varied	fair	cloud	2	13/4
(New snow and improved conditions; good April skiing)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 33

HUSS
(c) The lesser or greater spotted dogfish. *Scyliorhinus canicultus* or *Scyliorhinus stellaris*. "Until recently, dogfish have been sold in the shops under the more glamorous name of rock salmon. Today, the recommended names in the retail shops are huss, flake and rig."

JIGOTAI
(c) In judo, a defensive posture, a transliteration of the Japanese. "Jigotai is assumed by spreading your legs wide apart and bending your knees to lower your body."

KOTATSU
(c) A wooden frame which is placed over the hearth in Japanese houses and covered with a thick quilt to give an enclosed area within which people can warm their hands and feet. Also applied to the hearth and the cover together. Transliteration of the Japanese. "The only other articles of furniture will be the kotatsu, a square wooden frame, covered with a large wadded quilt or futon (under this the whole family huddle for warmth)."

MINNELIED
(a) A love-song written by a minnesinger, or in the style of the minnesingers, from the German *minne* love + *lied* a song. "The first lyrical writer of Ireland was John I, who practised the minnelied with success."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, Qa4! as 1. . . . Qxa4; 2, Nxe7 is mate and, meanwhile, Black is unable to cope with the threat to his queen. Full marks also for 1, Qd4; 1, Qe3 and 1, Qf2; all with the same idea.

Outsider riding back into the mainstream to further pursuit of Olympic gold

Cycling rebel with new frame of reference



Andrew Longmore finds Graeme Obree willing to conform after his winter of turmoil and distress

The washing machine bike languishes in the attic, the revolutionary riding style has been buried by the bureaucrats and the freak show is over. Graeme Obree, oddball and former world cycling champion, is playing it straight. Today, at Herne Hill, the Scot will emerge from five months of personal grief and professional turmoil to wave an official farewell to the old radical and to announce the arrival of the new conformist.

On the outside, Obree will look like most of the other riders, his ski-tuck riding position, so controversially banned at the world championships last year, discarded in favour of a more standard tri-bar position. Inside, Obree remains very much his own man, questioning conventional wisdom, desperate to prove that his success was not a fluke.

"It's back to square one really, except that I have won the world 4,000-metre pursuit championship and broken the world hour record twice," he said. "I have to prove I can be as good again without the Obree position." Olympic gold is at the top of his list.

Since he first came to prominence by taking Federico Moser's world hour record two years ago, on a bike made from scrap metal off the streets of Ayr and a bracket from the washing machine, Obree has divided opinion. Some welcomed him as the keeper of the glorious tradition of British sporting eccentrics. Others, mainly inside cycling, regarded him as a menace, a charlatan, arrogant and dangerous. Still do. His exploits were given the ultimate accolade in France, a full front page in *L'Équipe*, the daily sports newspaper, and his name is still more revered on the streets of Paris than in Irvine on the west coast of Scotland, where he lives with Anne, his wife, and two children.

> 'They saw me as a threat to the fabric of cycling'

That Obree is ready to race at all this season is a tribute to his spirit. During the winter, Gordon, his brother, was killed in a car accident and his own character held up to ridicule when he was sacked by Le Groupement, his new French team, without turning a wheel in anger. After missing a new year training camp, Obree, it seemed, had taken fright, run away from the challenge which Chris Boardman, his great rival, had taken on so successfully in the Tour de France the previous summer. The showman had been found out at last.

Obree's interpretation of the Le Groupement fiasco is a little different. "Actually, I was totally and utterly run down at that time," he said. "I was trying to keep to my training schedule because they wanted me to ride some of the classic races early in the season and trying to cope with the shock of my brother's death. I wasn't sleeping at all. What I needed was rest, not more pressure."

At midnight on New Year's eve, Obree took the decision not to go to the team training camp the following day. "I was in two minds, because I wanted to try and get through it," he said, "but I knew if I did go, I would be on my knees, totally unable to do myself justice. In the end, my wife made the decision for me, but I couldn't get hold of the team manager until the day after. When I did, he told me my services were no longer wanted anyway."

Other factors were working against the Scot. The hour record, one of Obree's original objectives with Le Groupement, had been put out of reach by Tony Rominger, from Switzerland, the world No 1 whose ride of 55.29 kilometres beat the old record by more than two kilometres, a quantum leap the equivalent of Bob Beamon's long jump. "That's awesome, quite unbelievable and the guys at Le Groupement obviously thought so too," Obree said. "To be honest, I think I'm well out of it. It would have been great to have ridden the Tour de France, but I wouldn't be that good at it."

Suspicion, too, played its part. Individuality — like training intensively for ten minutes a day, not the standard four hours — is tolerated in champions, not in fly-by-nights, and Obree has not endeared himself to the world governing body by threatening to sue them for disqualifying him on the start-line at the world championships in Sicily last year, a ban which cost Obree his world title and his passport to a decent living.

"They had inspected my bike and passed it as legal," Obree said, "but they just made up a rule overnight and disqualified me just before the race. I didn't understand, but I knew that, whatever I did, I would be disqualified anyway. They really saw me as a threat to the fabric of cycling." The official line was that Obree's position made steering difficult and would make racing dangerous if too many of the road riders adopted it. Obree has simply accepted the inevitable.

This season, backed by the German Die-Continentale team, Obree will aim to win back his world title, in Colombia, and put himself in line for the Olympic team next year. However, if the British Cycling Federation, as seems likely, selects only one competitor in the pursuit, Obree will have to be chosen ahead of Chris Boardman, the world and Olympic champion. "It's almost as if the federation will have a gold medal on the table and can decide who to give it too, me or Chris," Obree said. All he asks is to be given a fair hearing.

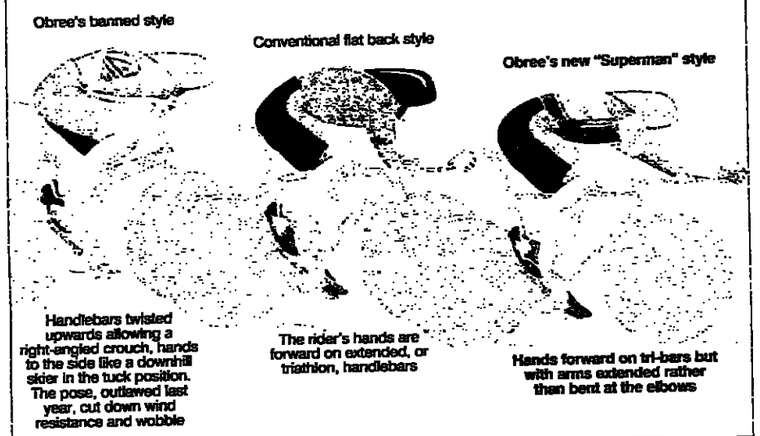
"When I explained my new riding position to someone the other day, I described it as the 'Superman' position because my arms are extended," he said. "Then I thought, 'Oh no, don't start all that again'. I'm back, I've done my bit, I've conformed."

GEORGE WILDE



Obree, focused on the new season, has bowed to his critics and reverted to a more orthodox style

FROM OUTLAW TO SUPERMAN: OBREE'S RIDING POSITION



Wigan ready to end era in championship style

By Christopher Irvine

THE traditional Good Friday rugby league programme includes the last spats between old enemies supposed to unite. Before Wigan and St Helens start burying the hatchet into one another in the Super League from next year, a decisive blow today would crown Wigan as the last conventional league champions for a sixth year running.

Contrary to some reports, the 30,000 crowd at Central Park will have their teams to cheer in future. So yet might those at Naughton Park, for the meeting of Widnes and Warrington — Cheshire under their proposed merger — perhaps better get used to supporting a joint team after the rejection of a suggestion that the summer Super League starting next March be expanded to 16 teams.

Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League (RFL) chief executive, was cognisant of the dangers of taking the super out of the Super League by the addition of two more teams. It was, though, a question of demand and interest — points lost on several club chairmen already in the new set-up.

At a closed meeting in Manchester last night of chairmen to try to clarify issues and the make-up of the league, which opposition by some clubs to merge into city and regional teams has confused, there was support for sticking to 14 teams. After being denied entry on the basis of their promotion from the second division, Keighley announced they would take legal action against the RFL over their omission.

What might open up the league to at least one new name is a possible amalgamation of Bradford Northern and Halifax, two clubs already in the Super League. The Halifax board voted 5-3 for moving to Odsal. Chris Caisley, the Bradford chairman, said: "It's probably a necessity." It should also make for an interesting derby match tonight.

Meanwhile, Castleford play at Featherstone Rovers, two parts of an arranged marriage with Wakefield Trinity already headed for the divorce courts; Oldham meet Salford, a tie as Manchester starting to unknot; Doncaster entertain Sheffield Eagles, two willing partners; and Barrow meet Carlisle, half of a Cumbrian quartet that might leave Workington and Whitehaven to get on without them.

Lindsay is making a whistle-stop visit to Australia this weekend for discussions with operators of the break-away Australasian Super League. A particular area of concern is the plan for teams in Paris and Toulouse, which could well end with consolidation into one French side, with discussions also due to take place tomorrow between English and French officials.

Since assuming the coaching role at Wigan nearly a year ago, Graeme West has yet to lose at home to domestic opposition. St Helens have pushed Wigan close twice and gave him his greatest fright in the 16-16 draw in the Challenge Cup fourth round in February. Since then, Wigan have averaged 42 points a game in losing just once.

"Wigan take great pride in winning anything it can get hold of," West, in his first full season in charge, said yesterday. "With this the last championship in its present format, we'll take the same pride in wanting to be the last to win it."

□ Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Western Samoa, Tonga and the Cook Islands have given their support to the Australian Rugby League (ARL) in its battle with the breakaway Super League in Australia and New Zealand. Bob Abbott, the ARL executive assistant, said: "The Pacific Island leagues are all happy to stay with the present system. They are happy with the support we have given them."



West is looking for a successful end to the season at Wigan

Macclesfield will travel in hope

Non-League Football by Walter Gammie

THE big crowds and one-step-from-Wembley drama of the Umbro FA Trophy semi-final first-leg matches overshadowed an important 1-0 victory by Macclesfield Town away to Welling United in the Vauxhall Conference last Saturday.

Arthur Jones, the Macclesfield chairman, said: "They were the best three points of the season. We've got a very young side, who've been showing great consistency, but the defeat by Woking in the Trophy quarter-final upset equilibrium. I travelled back on the coach with the team from Welling and the spirit was as high as it has ever been."

Macclesfield go into a home match with Runcorn tomorrow knowing that victory would eliminate Southport and Stevenage Borough from the four clubs that have a chance of catching them. It would leave only Altrincham (possible maximum 80 points, with eight matches to play) and Woking (85pts, nine matches) as potential challengers to Macclesfield (96pts, seven matches).

Macclesfield entertain Stevenage on May 6, the final Saturday, and, if they have any cause for concern, it is that they have a run of five away matches, against Kidderminster Harriers (on Tuesday), Woking (April 25), Bath (April 29), Dover (to be arranged) and Stalybridge Celtic (May 2), to negotiate. The imbalance of fixtures has the advantage of helping to clear Moss Rose for the continuing building work, the delay of which beyond the deadline of December 31 means that the Football League will refuse to promote them automatically as Conference champions.

TOP OF TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	APts
Macclesfield	35	23	8	6	66	31 75
Gateshead	37	17	8	12	52	46 59
Woking	33	16	10	7	60	45 58
Kettering	37	16	10	11	60	45 58
Southport	36	17	6	13	58	43 57
Altrincham	34	17	5	12	69	50 56

The club thought that it was covered by arranging a ground-share with Chester City, its former tenants, but was rebuffed on what Jones describes as a "woolly" discretionary clause that specifies that clubs must share within their own conurbations. "We're a rural town and we were seeking to share with the county town," Jones said.

The glimmer of hope that sustains Macclesfield is the possibility that the League might invite the Conference champions to replace any club that drops out. With Gillingham and Exeter City, desperate to find a buyer, in receivership, and Doncaster Rovers's future under a cloud, Macclesfield are determined to ensure that the ground is up to standard before any such move might be confirmed at the League's annual meeting on June 3.

Jones received encouragement on Tuesday when the local representative of the Football Licensing Authority (FLA) appeared to allay fears that the remodelled ground would not be granted a certificate for the League's required 6,000 minimum capacity.

"It was a long meeting," Jones said. "It's all to do with figures, all to do with terracing and stewarding. It seems now that we can just about do it after an earlier suggestion from the national representatives of the FLA that we wouldn't be able to. We are trying to involve the FLA with everything we do."

Improving the terracing, which must be of a depth and steepness for future conversion to seating, and laying the foundation for extra seating adjacent to the existing stand, are the short-term projects.

"In the summer, we plan to press ahead with a new 1,500-seat grandstand on the opposite side of the ground that was part of our original three-year plan," Jones said. "That is subject to us getting grant aid, but the FLA has approved our plans and that normally helps to move clubs up the queue."

As Kidderminster, the thwarted champions last season, have discovered this time round, success on the field is not something that can be achieved to order, so Jones would enjoy winning the title on its merits. "Should we win the league, let's just say I will forget the politics for a day and enjoy the celebrations that the manager and players deserve," he said.

Palace concentrate on survival task

By Peter Robinson

THEIR turbulent flirtation with the FA Cup finally over, Crystal Palace are back to more mundane matters today, concentrating on the less glamorous but rather more important matter of staying in the FA Carling Premiership. The effect of their defeat by Manchester United in the Cup semi-final replay on Wednesday is about to be revealed.

Optimistic voices at Selhurst Park are already saying that the failure to reach Wembley has hardened the club's resolve to escape relegation, that it is determined not to add failure in the league to the frustrations of losing in the semi-finals of both FA and Coca-Cola Cups, but nothing is ever that simple and Palace know it. Missing out on two finals in quick succession must have a debilitating effect on morale, as do the end of season build-ups of suspensions and injuries.

True, Palace have eight games left to pull themselves out of the bottom four, more than any of their rivals, but many a manager will say that he would rather have points at this stage of the season than games in hand. A win this afternoon against Tottenham Hotspur is, therefore, vital.

"Picking the players up and mending their broken hearts after Wednesday is my biggest job," Alan Smith, the Palace manager, said. "It's hard to stomach two semi-final defeats in one season, but there's no running away in football. It's all about the winning business."

Four wins from their last eight games would take Palace up to the 50-point mark that Smith considers is enough to stay out of the Endsleigh Insurance League — one point more than Steve Coppell's Palace side achieved in going down in 1993 — and Palace will attempt to win the first of those without Coleman, the defender, who is injured, and perhaps Young, the inspirational centre half, who awaits a fitness test. Gareth Southgate, the captain who was marked by Roy Keane's studs in the replay, and Darren Patterson, the defender who was sent off for his retaliation, will play. Rhys Wilmot keeps his place in goal with Nigel Martyn still ruled out.

Everton, one place above Palace, can hardly be complacent, but the manner of their 4-1 thumping of Tottenham in the other FA Cup semi-final suggests that they are well-placed to climb out of trouble. Newcastle United are the visitors tonight to Goodison Park, where they have lost once already this season. Manchester City, too, are in trouble and need at least a point from the visit of Liverpool to Maine Road.

Tranmere Rovers and Bolton Wanderers, however, have no such worries and they meet today intent on promotion from the first division. Defeat for either would probably mean the opening of early plans for the play-offs.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Crystal Palace v Tottenham (8.30) .....
Everton v Newcastle (7.45) .....
Man City v Liverpool (3.15) .....

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Tranmere v Bolton (3.0) .....
Watford v Millwall (2.15) .....

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Spennymoor (11.0).
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hitchin v Slough (3.0).
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Prudhoe v Pelaton; West Auckland v Shildon.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Galway v Cork (7.0); St Patrick's Athletic v Sligo (7.45).
EN HARP LAGER CUP: Semi-final: Second replay: Derry v Bohemians (at Brandywell, Derry).
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Crystal Palace v Bristol City.
ISLE OF SUSSEX LEAGUE JOHN O'HARA SLEIGH CUP: Final: Hailsham v Wick (at Lancing, 11.0).
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Barnstaple (3.0); Bristol Manor Farm v Mangotsfield (11.0); Chippenham v Calne (11.0); Crediton v Torrington (11.0); Elmore v Tiverton (5.30); Paulton v Frome (11.0); Saltash v Liskeard (2.0).
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Queens Park Rangers (2.0).

CRICKET

University matches
11.30 to 6.30, second day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Yorkshire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Durham

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Redruth v St Mary's Hospital (3.0) .....
Weston-super-Mare v Esher (3.0) .....

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Bradford v Halifax (7.30) .....
Doncaster v Sheffield (7.30) .....
Featherstone v Castleford (7.30) .....
Leeds v Hull (7.30) .....
Oldham v Salford (3.0) .....
Wakefield v Workington (7.30) .....
Widnes v Warrington (3.0) .....
Wigan v St Helens (3.0) .....

Second division
Barrow v Carlisle (2.30) .....
Batley v Dewsbury (7.30) .....
Huddersfield v Ryedale York (7.30) .....
Hull KR v Keighley (7.30) .....
Hunslet v Bramley (6.30) .....
London Broncos v Leigh (3.0) .....
Swinton v Rochdale (3.0) .....
Whitehaven v Highfield (3.0) .....

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation inter-continental light-middleweight championship: Dawson Darey (Belfast) v Paul Jones (Sheffield) (in Belfast).
CYCLING: Southern Counties International track meeting (Herne Hill, 1.0); Buxton CC mountain (32 miles, Longnor, 11.0).
HOCKEY: Festivals: Blackpool, Brean, Canterbury, Folkestone, International, Monkstown (Carlanstay), Torbay, Trojans, Weymouth.
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Arena Essex v Reading (8.0); Edinburgh v Swindon (7.15); Glasgow v Wolverhampton (7.30); Ipswich v King's Lynn (3.0); King's Lynn v Ipswich (11.0); Peterborough v Eastbourne (7.30); Sheffield v Middlesbrough (7.15). Challenge: Poole v Exeter (6.0). British Academy Challenge: Buxton v Stoke (2.0).
SWIMMING: Invitation meeting (Edinburgh).

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Emerging talents threaten traditional rivalries on eve of world snooker championship

Higgins can thrive in wake of the hurricane



John Higgins, preparing for his first attempt at the world title, can emulate the achievements of his namesake, Alex. Photograph: Nigel French



Andrew Longmore on a teenager with the temperament and touch to make a name for himself

The surname is the same, but the style is very different. John Higgins is more a breeze than a hurricane, though his effect on a snooker tournament can be equally as devastating — on the table, at least. Off it, Higgins, in his own words, is just "a wee quiet boy", a description that would not quite fit Alex Higgins.

John Higgins has not considered the legacy much, apart from answering questions about blood lines and, in the week before his first world championship, dreaming of emulating his namesake as the champion. He is not related to Alex Higgins. They are not even the same nationality. When he was a child in his native Glasgow, John was the one member of his family rooting for Steve Davis over the Irishman.

However, at the Castella British Open in Plymouth last week, there was a symbolic, almost fraternal, passing on of tradition in a note left with a waistcoat and a pair of trousers. It read: "To John, from the Hurricane. Hope they fit."

The Hurricane had been blown away in the first round; John Higgins had overwhelmed Terry Griffiths 5-1, and was on his way to winning the tournament.

"I think he [Alex] likes the idea of me using them because, if I am doing well, his name will be remembered too," Higgins said. A affinity to "rival" the Davises that would fit well with Alex's notions of grandeur.

Good judges predict that John Higgins will dominate the game in a way Alex never did outside the newspaper headlines. Snooker hopes so, too: hopes that he and Ronnie O'Sullivan, the happy-go-lucky Londoner who is billed to play the temperamental wild child to Higgins's dead-pan perfect son, will secure the future of snooker's most gripping plot. Reardon v Alex Higgins; Davis v White; Hendry v White; John Higgins v O'Sullivan. The Grinder v The Dasher. A rivalry to divide living-rooms and boost television ratings.

The pair seem happy to play the roles allotted to them. Dennis Taylor, the former world champion, thought two years ago that Higgins had the better all-round game and would rise faster. He was wrong. O'Sullivan is fourth in the world, Higgins twelfth, and, by his own admission, two steps down from his rival. But if the intensity of their battles this season signals the future, nobody will be disappointed.

O'Sullivan has won two of their contests, Higgins three, the best of them an extraordinary 5-4 victory in the quarter-final of the Welsh Open, when Higgins took one frame on the black after needing two snookers, and won the final frame by one point from 67-0 down. The most recent was in the final in Plymouth last week.

"I suppose because we turned professional the same year, people put us together," Higgins said, "but I have never felt the comparison. Ronnie is very hard to beat. He's got so much natural talent. You can be winning 3-0 and, within the space of half an hour, losing 4-3. It was like that with Steve Davis and Jimmy White. Jimmy was always the more gifted player, but he would love to have some of Steve's titles.

"The danger with Ronnie is being drawn into quickening up and playing at his pace. I just try to block that out, keep him tight and let him go for one shot too many. But it's hard to do when he is in full flow."

Higgins has had such a consistent season, winning three leading tournaments and earning nearly £250,000, that he is one of those fancied to relieve Stephen Hendry of his title and to become, at 19, the youngest world champion in snooker history. It is easy to forget that he is making his debut at the Crucible Theatre, against Alan McManus, moreover, an old friend and practice partner.

A raised eyebrow, though, is the nearest Higgins seems to get to panic. The second of three sons from a strong Catholic family — Celtic supporters, every one — his life is as well ordered as his game. But there have been growing pains. The well-publicised split with Ian Doyle, manager of Hendry and one of the game's powerhouses, early in the season was partly a reaction to Doyle's rigid discipline, partly to a growing need to move out of Hendry's shadow. Doyle's habit of calling Higgins the next Hendry, meant as a compliment, served only to underline the manager's priorities.

"Stephen is No 1 in that camp and rightly so," Higgins said. "He is the world champion. But, however well I did, I always felt I would be Stephen's practice partner." Doyle accused Higgins of laziness, but Higgins's victory at the Skoda Grand Prix, in the first tournament after his move, showed who had most to lose.

Higgins now travels with his father, John Sr, who has given up his job as an electrician to guide his son through that tantalising half-world between unexpected wealth and untold riches. Cold-eyed killers on the table turn back into vulnerable youths off it, and the prospect of the "thousandaire", as his younger brother calls him, becoming a multi-millionaire, brings pressure of its own.

"I lie awake at night sometimes thinking I must keep it going," Higgins said. "I'm frightened of letting it slip because there are so many young players — 15 and 16-year-olds — looking at me and thinking, 'I want to knock him off'." The waistcoat and pair of trousers should remind him of the pitfalls.

EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	QUARTER-FINALS	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
Stephen Hendry (1) / Stefan Mazrocis				
Tony Drago (16) / Paul Davney				
Ronnie O'Sullivan (8) / Dave Harold				
Darren Morgan (9) / Anthony Davies				
John Parrott (5) / Brian Morgan				
Joe Swail (12) / Nigel Gibbons				
David Roe (13) / Billy Snaddon				
Jimmy White (4) / Peter Francisco				
James Wattana (3) / Gary Wilkinson				
Terry Griffiths (14) / Alain Robidoux				
Nigel Bond (11) / Stephen Lee				
Alan McManus (6) / John Higgins				
Ken Doherty (7) / Mark Davis				
Peter Ebdon (10) / Rod Lawler				
Willie Thorne (15) / Tal Pichit				
Steve Davis (2) / Andy Hicks				

First round (April 14-19): best of 19 frames. Second round (April 19-23): best of 25 frames. Quarter-finals (April 24-25): best of 25 frames. Semi-finals (April 28-29): best of 31 frames. Final (April 29-30): best of 35 frames.

Prize-money this year totals £1,132,000. Champion: £190,000. Runner-up: £115,000. Losing semi-finalists: £57,000. Losing quarter-finalists: £29,000. Second round losers: £15,500. First round losers: £8,750. Highest televised break: £16,000. Maximum 147 break: £147,000.

Numbers in brackets denote seeds

ORDER OF PLAY

TODAY: 10.30am: K Doherty (Ire) v M Davis (Eng) (first session). 10.30am and 7.30pm: S Hendry (Scot) v S Mazrocis (Eng) 3pm: A Drago (Malta) v P Cavney (Eng) (first session). P Ebdon (Eng) v R Lawler (Eng) (first session) 7.30pm: J Wattana (Thai) v G Wilkinson (Eng) (first session).

Tough opening for Davis

VULNERABILITY is not a word usually associated with Steve Davis, but the six-times world champion could well figure in the first upset of the event this year (Phil Yates writes).

In 16 previous visits to the Crucible, Davis has failed to negotiate his opening hurdle only three times. On his debut, in 1979, he lost 13-11 to Dennis Taylor. Three years later, in one of the biggest shocks in the history of the championship, he was handed a 10-1 drubbing by Tony Knowles, and in 1992 he was beaten 10-4 by Peter Ebdon.

Hoping to add to that list is Andy Hicks, 21, from Plymouth, who compiled century breaks in three consecutive frames during a 5-3 victory over Davis in the quarter-finals of the Skoda Grand Prix this season. Another factor, which suggests that an upset could be on the cards, is Davis's form. Although he reached the quarter-finals of the British Open in Plymouth last week, he was unimpressive and committed a suprisingly large number of unforced errors.

Hicks, the world No 33, is a left-hander who compensates for his raw tactical game with accurate long potting.

If he can avoid becoming embroiled in a safety battle and can overcome an inevitable degree of nervousness which comes with a first appearance at the Crucible, he can win. At 3-1 with William Hill to beat Davis, Hicks represents good value.

BETTING

11-10: S Hendry 6-1: J Higgins 7-1: R O'Sullivan 8-1: S Davis 10-1: J White 12-1: J Wattana, 14-1: J Parrott K Doherty, P Ebdon 25-1: A McManus

☐ Odds supplied by William Hill

Beerbaum displays cup-winning form

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

LUDGER BEERBAUM, of Germany, the Olympic show jumping champion and joint favourite with Franke Sloothaak, his compatriot, for the Volvo World Cup final which begins today, underlined his form when he won the opening warm-up class yesterday on Sprehe Rush On, his reserve horse.

Beerbaum, 32, used his attacking style to impressive effect in the 13-horse jump-off to relegate Herve Godignon, the former French national champion, to second place on Uquilo Le Fol, his nine-year-old stallion.

Michael Whitaker, of Great Britain, riding Everest Diana, his newest purchase, came close to dislodging Beerbaum, but turned in too sharply at the last fence, incurring three faults.

"She's still a little bit green," Whitaker, who rides Everest Two Step today, said, "but she didn't do a lot wrong." He bought a half share in the ten-year-old mare after watching her jump at the Mechelen Show in Belgium in December.

John Whitaker's older brother, produced the fastest time in the jump-off on the Hungarian-bred Everest Randi, but hit the last fence when he, too, made an over-ambitious turn. Afterwards, he confirmed that Everest Welham, Keeley Durham's 13-year-old gelding, which he started riding just before Christmas, is his preferred ride for the opening leg of the three-part final today.

Both brothers have a good draw. John is 24th and Michael thirtieth out of the 39 who are starting. The first leg is a speed class, which, traditionally, favours those drawn near the end. The Whitakers were not the only ones smiling yesterday. Beerbaum is 37th and Sloothaak, who made the draw, is 39th.

Nick Skelton's position — 26th — has reinforced his belief that he has a better chance of success this weekend than in any previous World Cup. The former national champion, now 36, who was runner-up in 1985, will be relying on Everest Dollar Girl, his top horse, for all three parts. "She can jump fast and big, so having only one horse shouldn't be a disadvantage," he said yesterday.

Beerbaum intends to ride Gaylord, his Olympia Grand Prix winner, today and Ratina, the winner of the 1992 Olympic silver medal (when ridden by Piet Raymakers), and the 1993 World Cup, for the rest of the competition.

Sloothaak, who is also spoilt for choice with his string, will ride Joli Coeur today and, after that, Weihaiwej, the horse on which he won the world championship last summer.

RESULTS: Warm-up class one: 1, Sprehe Rush On (L. Beerbaum, Ger) 0 faults in 31.58secs; 2, Uquilo Le Fol (H.Godignon, Fr) 0 in 31.77; 3, Lollipop III (L. Mcintaughe-Mendi, Switz) 0 in 33.98.

Nivens display sureness of touch

JOHN NIVEN, who was 75 on Wednesday, came through seven rounds of golf in four days, with the help of David, his son, to win the Father and Son tournament yesterday at West Hill in Surrey (John Hennessy writes). The Nivens beat Rudolph and Ruperi Krefting by one hole in the final.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Nivens had birdied the last three holes to win a third round match on the 18th. The following afternoon, they similarly recovered from two down with three to play to reach the semi-finals.

Against the Kreftings, they had to give a stroke, at the 14th, which their opponents frittered away with a third putt. So this time it was the Nivens who had their noses in front with three to play, a handicap that the Kreftings could not overcome.

Their last chance vanished with a poor drive by Rudolph Krefting at the 18th in the wake of a shot of appropriately star quality by David Niven, a three-handicap golfer, taking time off from running, swimming and cycling vast distances as an international triathlete.

Humble though the tournament may seem in a world of Faldo and Ballesteros, it was for John Niven, an RAF veteran who won the DFC in the Second World War, the proudest moment since 1945.

Fresh assault on 'shamateurism'

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LEO WILLIAMS, the chairman of the Australian Rugby Union and a director of Rugby World Cup, added his imprimatur yesterday to the incessant calls from the two leading Australian states that rugby union should adopt professionalism. Neither Australia nor New Zealand believes that there should be further delay until the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) meets in August.

However, the somewhat less strident voice of Fiji emphasised how meaningless such a change would be for the majority. "If this happened, smaller rugby unions like Western Samoa and Tonga would suffer badly because they wouldn't have the resources to keep players from going away overseas for much more money than they would earn at home," Tevita Ratuva, the Fijian administrative manager, said.

What is true for the Pacific islanders is also the case for most countries outside the eight IRFB founder members, with the possible exception of Italy. Nor do Australasian demands for an end to "shamateurism" indicate how far down the game they believe professionalism may go, though Rob Fisher, the New Zealand union's deputy chairman, hopes to travel to Great Britain later this month for talks with the IRFB's amateurism committee.

The threat posed by rugby league's planned super league has accelerated a process that the Australasians see as inevitable, though Richie Guy, the new chairman of the New Zealand council, does not foresee a breakaway from the IRFB. "We want liberalism, we want to see professionalism introduced, and it is possible," Guy said. "We are talking about guys getting paid to play."

Williams launched an attack on the four home unions. "Paradoxically, the unions which have benefited most from the intrusion of commercialism are the group that describe themselves as the home unions," he said. "Some of these unions are at the forefront of the opposition to any change or relaxation of the so-called amateurism rules. Some people in the very same unions are guilty of honouring those rules more in the breach than the observance."

☐ Warwickshire, by their selection for the CIS county championship final against Northumberland, have presented Nottingham with something of a conundrum. The final, at Twickenham on April 22, comes at a time when Nottingham are trying to stave off relegation from the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship and coincides with their only remaining home league match.

Nottingham officials met last night to discuss the situation which will see them lose Andy Smallwood and Matt Gallagher on the day they play London Irish. They have been regulars for Warwickshire this season and Nottingham have been happy to see them make progress. "But we are in an unfortunate situation and every game is crucial," Gary Rees, the club coach, said.

WARWICKSHIRE: J Quantrill (Rugby Lions), A Smallwood (Nottingham), A Gilbody, M Palmer, D Watson (all Rugby Lions), M Gallagher (Nottingham), M Warr (Sale), G Tregilgas (Coventry, captain), D Addleton (Coventry), T Revan, D Oram, S Smith, P Bowman (all Rugby Lions), M Ellis (Kenilworth), S Carter (Coventry)

Fickle wind halts Conner in his tracks

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

DENNIS CONNER gave his America's Cup rivals another fright when his yacht, *Stars & Stripes*, pulled out an impressive lead over Leslie Egnot's women's team before the wind gods forced the abandonment of both the defender and challenger trials on Wednesday.

At one point, Conner and his crew enjoyed a 17-minute advantage over Egnot's *Mighty Mary* and was 300 yards ahead when wind and time conspired to rob him of a second victory, which would have put him on level terms with his two rivals in the Citizen Cup defence finals.

"God must be a woman," Conner complained after the weather allowed Egnot's team to escape defeat for the fourth time since these trials began in January. Russell Coutts and his *Team New Zealand* crew also lost the chance to chalk up a second victory against their Louis Vuitton Cup rival, *oneAustralia*, which had dropped more than two minutes astern when the time limit expired. The races were scheduled to be re-sailed off San Diego yesterday.

Christophe Auguin continues to lead the BOC Challenge solo round the world race as the 12-strong fleet heads northwards up the Atlantic on the final stage back to Charleston, South Carolina. The Frenchman has opened up a 105-mile lead over *Hunter's Child*, the American challenger, skippered by Steve Pettengill, despite encountering head winds off the Brazilian coast.

The fastest boat yesterday was *True Blue*, the 50-foot Class 2 leader, skippered by David Adams, which was making ten knots, four more than Auguin's 60-footer, *Sceta Calberson*. The Australian now holds a 576-mile advantage over his second-placed rival Giovanni Soldini, who was expected to pull into Recife today to replace the broken forestay on his yacht, *Kodak*.

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IN BRIEF

Torrance struggles to defeat back pain

SAM TORRANCE, the Scottish golfer who is trying to win a place in the European Ryder Cup team for the eighth successive time, was yesterday struggling with a back injury on the eve of the Catalonia Open in Girona, Spain.

Torrance, 41 and tenth in the Ryder Cup points table, hurt his lower back last week and said: "My daughter, Phoebe, has not been well and I have been carrying her around a lot more than usual. Then, two days ago, I was in our local park and felt a stabbing pain in my back. I could hardly lift my leg. I saw my physio at home and felt a lot better, but I had to pull out of the pro-am today to have further treatment."

Torrance, who won the Catalonia Open two years ago, knows that he must win at least one tournament to make the Cup team, and his chances will hardly be improved when the European contingent that has been competing in the United States returns to the Tour. Only David Gilford will be playing today.

Agassi advances

Tennis: Andre Agassi, the world No 1, recorded a straight-sets win to reach the quarter-finals of the Japan Open late on Wednesday, but said that he was still being troubled by the back injury he sustained playing for the United States in a Davis Cup match in Italy last month. Agassi defeated Sebastian Lareau, of Canada, 6-3, 7-5.

Steffi Graf, the women's No 1, who has also been suffering from back problems, cruised into the quarter-finals of the clay-court Houston championships in Texas, beating Maria Strandlund, of Sweden, 6-2, 6-1 in 59 minutes.

Unexpected slip

Ice Hockey: Great Britain failed to win one of their easier pool games at the world championships in Bratislava yesterday, losing 2-0 to Romania, whom they beat 10-4 in 1993 when they last met. George Peternousek, the Britain coach, blamed the British domestic competition for hampering his team's preparation. "After six play-off games in ten days, our guys were tired," he said.

England rally

Netball: England fought back from an early deficit to hold a New Zealand invitation side to a 49-49 draw in Nelson yesterday. The home side led 14-7 at the end of the first quarter, but England outscored their opponents in each of the three remaining quarters. The touring side is looking to square the three-match series tomorrow after losing the first international on Tuesday.

Biter bit

Rugby union: Ioan Ivan, the Romania wing, was banned for a match and his team relegated to second place in the junior World Cup after he admitted biting two opponents in the 22-15 victory over Wales on Wednesday. Romania, who were top of group A, were relegated to second place behind France.

Marathon finishers

A RECORD 25,326 runners completed the NutraSweet London Marathon this year. The results have been ratified by the organisers, who have studied video recordings of every runner crossing the finish line. Although computerised timing closed after 7hr 45min, when finish facilities in The Mall had to be dismantled, the last men and women across the line were clocked by hand. Today, *The Times* completes its exclusive publication of the results, produced by Unisys.

FINAL FINISHERS: 25,302. C Reeve 7hr 47min 36sec; Y Reeve 7 47.33; M Allison 7 52.57; R Smith 7 54.15; S Fox 7 54.50; S Taylor 7 57.16; M Taylor 7 57.17; W Cayless 7.57.50; A Webb 7 58.48; C Flood 7 58.49; S Roberts 7 58.50; K Poulson 8 01.56; M Duffin 8 02.44; P Hughes 8 06.17; M Doran 8 14.17; N Budden 8 14.50; P Furzey 8.18.57; K Woodend 8 45.47; J Stanfield 8 45.47; H Billington 8 45.47; R Gorman 8 48.09; S Hyde Aughtard 8 48.09; M Lindgren 9 06.42; P Enville 9 06.48; L Smith 9 06.48

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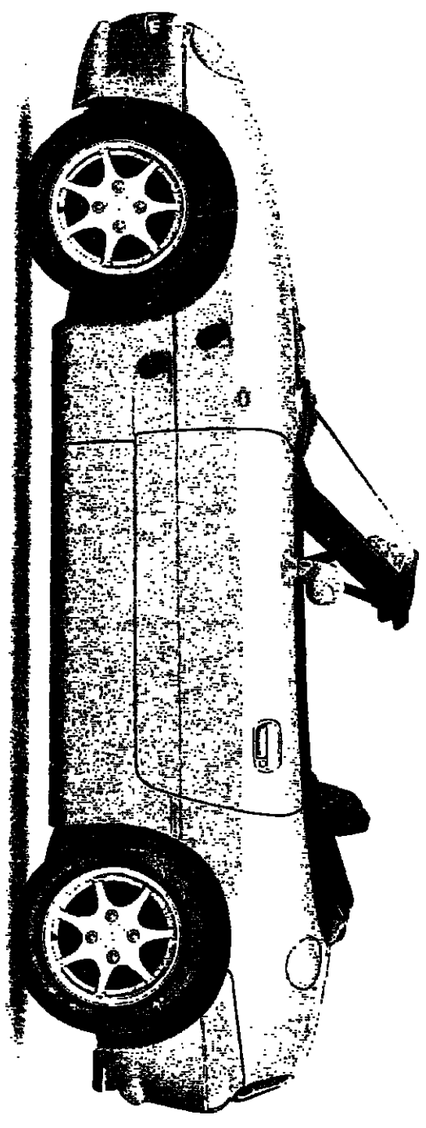
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Equine aristocrat paraded in elegant style



Celtic Swing, the Derby favourite, shown off by Lady Herries, his proud trainer. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Sloe gin and fast horses at Lady H's invitation to view



FREUD ON FRIDAY

It was a really good idea: this public relations/marketing agency advised the trainer of the Derby favourite that, if she invited members of the racing press to come to her stables, let them see the horse on the gallops and provide photo-opportunities, it would put a stop to all those intrusive telephone calls enquiring about its well-being. *So she did just that.*

We are speaking of Celtic Swing by Damister ex Celtic Ring by Welsh Pageant and Lady Anne Herries by Bernard Duke of Norfolk ex Lavinia his Duchess by Baron Belper.

We are talking class.

We are also talking 14,000 acres, which silences people who have a window box: a two-mile grass gallop, a six-furlong equitrack, fenced paddocks as if grassland was going out of fashion and a regiment of nicely-spoken serving folk who had been well briefed about the inhabitants of the fourth estate: hungry people unlikely to refuse a drink.

So we arrived on the Angmering estate in West Sussex to be greeted by rich beef broth, game pasties fashioned of puff pastry, sloe gin and port and, after the fly past of 27 horses, one of which we had come to see though each was listed on the song sheet in respect of breeding, ownership, work-rider and brief history, our hosts realised that we had been without provender for more than 20 minutes — and returned us to the lawn in front of the house.

Here, did we get trays of raw vegetables and olives with a yoghurt dip: canapés that boasted smoked salmon, tartlets filled with cream cheese and chives, prawns in a light curry sauce: there was pork pie such as you dream about; moist meat spiced to a nicety, encased in crisp golden crust; and there was wine.

Then, after the servers had circled their customers a dozen times in the course of which we came visibly to fruition, blooming like forget-me-nots in a hedgerow in spring, they brought us deep fried mushrooms with lemon mayonnaise, succulent skewers of meat and liver with an exotic sauce and, each time we set down a glass, someone came by to refill it.

And the sun shone from a cloudless sky and Lady Herries was available for questions as was her husband, Sir Colin Cowdrey (who did not know the two Test cricketers whose full names contain none of the letters in the word "mackerel", though he got one of them after I told him that the only London underground station to survive the mackerel test was St John's Wood) and Maxine, his daughter-in-law, who rides with skill.

After a while, Celtic Swing was brought to join us on the lawn, raised his tail and epitomised the nation's plight to show that this was just another day in a charismatic career. He then posed like an old pro, looking this way and that as requested by the photographers.

He is a horse who intimidates the competition in the paddock before out-performing it on the race course and the reason why there remain folk who bet on other contenders for the year's classics is simply because, as they say in Yorkshire, where his trainer was a master of foxhounds before the call of the family *estate brought her back south*: "There's nowt so queer as folk".

As a means of endearing *herself to her 60 guests and* showing off the beauty of one of England's great estates with warmth and modesty, it was impeccably done. Had this been a recruiting drive for prospective journalists, the exercise would have been deemed an outstanding success.

But, if Lady Herries really thought that this unique manifestation of hospitality — "Can you imagine Henry Cecil doing this?" was the question on everyone's lips — would win her peace from hacks enquiring about Celtic Swing's well-being, the dear woman should have her head examined.

On the contrary, now that we have all met her and drunk her drink, eaten her food, trod her carpets and used her loos, we are going to ring her whenever; prior to this, we might have hesitated to intrude on her busy life.

"Hello *Lady H.*" we *shall* say: "We met over your sloe gin in April; tell me how the great horse slept and what he had for breakfast?"

"Will he win the Derby?" "Of course he will, what a silly question."

Is he worth backing? When Peter Savill, the owner, got 250-1 after the horse's first race *last year, it was value. At 248* points less, it just may be too late.

Giants one step ahead in race to Wembley

By Nicholas Harling

THE race for the Budweiser League basketball title went to the last minute of the last game, and now, for the first time in the league's history, three of the four quarter-final play-offs have gone to a decisive third game.

With only Manchester Giants certain of their place, for the second successive season, at Wembley for the Budweiser championship finals, it is hardly surprising that all the clubs are reaping the benefits — in attendances — of the competitive season.

One man whose words may yet come back to haunt him is Kevin Cadle, the coach of London Towers, who seemed certain to make the short trip from Wembley Court to Wembley Arena when his side led the Leopards 72-65 in the second leg on Wednesday night. "Two out of the top four teams might not make it to Wembley," Cadle had predicted, little knowing that Towers would concede 16 points in a dramatic late scoring spree by the Leopards. Their 87-78 win took the tie to a third game, also at Wembley Court, next Thursday.

Cadle's views were supported by Birmingham Bullets, who finished eighth, and Worthing Bears, who were seventh. The Bullets had already taken Sheffield Sharks, the double winners, to a third game at Ponds Forge on Sunday, and, on Wednesday, the Bears did the same against Thames Valley Tigers, the runners-up. It was only in overtime that the Tigers gained a 97-94 victory over the ageing Bears, taking the teams back to Bracknell tomorrow to decide which goes to Wembley.

Teddington sights on final

From Sydney Friskin in Cagliari

PROVIDED that Teddington can get past HDM, the Dutch club from The Hague, they should qualify for the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup hockey tournament here in Sardinia. Teddington's other opponents in pool B are Pocztowiec, from Poznan, Poland, and Amsicora, the host club, whom they play today.

After two days of intense preparation, the Teddington team was declared fit yesterday by Neil Campling, the manager, who said: "I am particularly relieved that Peter Gibbins has recovered from his hamstring injury and he will be on the right wing for our first match."

Teddington will have to wait until Sunday to play the Dutch, whose side has only one international player, Wouter van Pelt, the deep defender who has made 99 appearances for his country.

Grange, from Edinburgh, representing Scotland, start their campaign early today with a match against Real Club der Polo, of Barcelona. Their other opponents in pool A are Harvestehuder, from Germany, and Ekaterinburg, from Russia. David Leiper, with 59 international appearances, and Danny Hay, with 51, are the two most experienced players in the Edinburgh side.

The Spanish team features two familiar faces, Russell Garcia and Rowan Davis. Both have represented England and Great Britain. Garcia more conspicuously as a gold medal-winner at the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988. The Germans have brought three players from the present Germany national team — Stefan Saliger, Michael Green and Christian Stengler. The tournament ends with the final on Monday.

☐ *With the league championship* tucked safely under their arm, Slough head for Holland this weekend for the women's European Cup Winner's Cup (Alix Ramsay writes). With four games in four days, the schedule is hectic and first Slough must deal with Heriot Watt University, Tekstilshik, from Russia, and Groningen, the home club, in the group matches before the medals are decided on Monday.

Slough have a seasonal spring in their step, despite suffering their only league defeat of the season — 3-1 against Ipswich — last Saturday. The silver medal from the European indoor championships is already in the trophy cabinet and Karen Brown, the former Slough captain, said: "Our aim was to win the league this season and we were surprised how easily we did that. If we don't get to the final, we'll be disappointed; if we reach the final and don't win it, we'll be even more disappointed."

Edinburgh revels in quality

By Craig Lord

ORGANISERS of swimming events clamour for the attendance of competitors from Hungary and Finland, which are, per head of population, the most successful nations in the sport. Most of those events are shunned, which illustrates the remarkable achievement of Edinburgh in attracting to the Royal Commonwealth Pool today one of the finest international line-ups seen in Great Britain.

It might be expected that British swimmers would shoal to bathe in the benefits of such experience, but sadly not. Most are hostages to the ineptitudes of calendar planners and their own fears about frequency of competitions, and will, instead, stay away to hone themselves for the European championship trials in Sheffield next week.

Those planning the Sheffield date had a choice of three weekends and knew the fixed Scottish date when they opted for the one-week gap, but there are those who would still brave the fierce challenges of Jani Sievinen and Anni Kasvio, the Finnish world champions, and Norbert Rozsa and Attila Czene, of Hungary.

For Paul Palmer, the Lincoln middle distance freestyle swimmer, Edinburgh offers greater benefits than Sheffield, both in the competitive value of the race and in the pocket, with each event carrying £1,000 in prize-money and a car offered as the reward for a world record.

Palmer will take on Kasvio in the 400 metres freestyle in their first long-course (50 metre pool) outing together this year. The winter short-course (25 metre) season ended with the Briton nestled in third place on the world ranking list, one behind the Finn.

Martin Harris, the Commonwealth champion from London, takes on Sievinen in the 100 metres backstroke, while Fraser Walker, second at the world short-course championships in 1993, will receive the greatest cheer when he meets the same Finn, who is the world record-holder and champion, in the 200 metres individual medley.

Russia, out in the cold

All Fall Down. *Radio 4, 9.45am.*

There is definitely something of the actor *manqué* in Misha Glenny, who delivers his third talk about Europe after the Cold War. He gives me the impression *that he is* reading from the text of a play, not from a news-inspired script. His images are vivid, and there is much passion in the voice that paints them. *All Fall Down* finds Glenny acting like a 20th-century Cassandra. "How do you anticipate the future of Bedlam?" he asks rhetorically about Boris Yeltsin's Russia. "Is there a place left for the Russian soul? Naturally, I haven't a clue." But hasn't he? *I detect no ambiguity* in the title of today's talk. He calls it *Dead Soul of Russia.*

Bach's St Matthew Passion. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

We have Mendelssohn to thank for bringing huge orchestral and choral forces to bear on Bach's devotional masterpiece. Joshua Rifkin, who conducts this recorded performance, believes Bach's intentions were much more modest. Hence the numerically minimal line-up of instrumentalists and singers he mustered when the work was performed and recorded at last year's Proms. In place of the big choir, we hear three sopranos, three basses, two counter-tenors and one tenor. Instead of the massive orchestra, we have the Bach Ensemble and the St James's Baroque Players. *Irreducible*, because there are only two of them, are the soloists — John Elwes's Evangelist and Stephen Varcoe's Christus.

Peter Davalle

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RADIO 3

6.30am **Open University:** Maths: Formula Iteration
6.55 Weather 7.00 *On Air*, with Catriona Young. Boyce (Overture No 8 in D); Holst (Good Friday, Six Male Choruses, Op 53); Schumann (Abegg Variations, Op 1); 8.05 *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in D minor, Op 103); 8.20 Bach (Chorus: Ruht wohl; Chorale: Ach Herr, lass dein lieb Engelein, St John Passion); Bruch (Scottish Fantasy)
9.00 **Composers of the Week:** Byrd and Tallis, presented by John Milsom. Byrd (Sing Joyfully; O Lord make thy servant Elizabeth); Tallis (Hear the voice and prayer; Lesson); Byrd (Venite, Short Service; Voluntary; Kyrie; Gloria; Gaudeamus; Sanctus; Benedictus, Mass for five voices; Ave verum corpus; Solve jubente Deo; Agnus Dei, Mass for four voices)
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, with Michael McCarthy. Mozart (Overture: Idomeneo); 10.05 *Artist of the Week*: Christian Lindberg, trombone. Bourgeois (Trombone Concerto); 10.30 Liszt (At the Grave of Richard Wagner); Ives (General William Booth Enters into Heaven); Bach Cantata No 82: Ich habe genug); 11.05 Berg (Violin Concerto); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 81, Les adieux); Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela)
12.00 **Voices:** The Songs of Shostakovich — The Russian Classics. Gerard McBurney introduces the first of four programmes featuring the composer's songs for voice and piano. All the performances have been specially recorded for the programme by singers from the Kirov Opera in St Petersburg (r)
1.00pm *A Meditation on the* **Passion of Christ**: From the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge
2.30 **Sorrowful Mysteries:** Biber's *Mystery Sonatas*, representing the Passion of Christ. No 8: The Crowning with Thorns; No 9: The Carrying of the Cross; No 10: The Crucifixion (John Holloway, violin; Davitt Moroney, continuo; Tragicomedia)
3.00 **Mining the Archive:** Sir Malcolm Sargent. Lyndon Jenkins introduces broadcasts from the 1960s in which Sargent conducts choral works by composers he admired. Vaughan Williams (Toward the Unkown Region); Delius (Piano Concerto); Elgar (The Music Makers)
4.30 **As I Roved Out:** Nicholas Carolan listens to songs and tunes from Ireland
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Another Byte 5. Mike Edwards looks at the areas where accoustic and digital meet
5.15 **In Tune**, with Richard Baker
7.30 **Bach's St Matthew Passion** (r). See Choice
10.20 **Chopin:** Nocturnes: In G minor, Op 15 No 3; In F minor, Op 55 No 1; In G minor, Op 37 No 1 (Kathryn Stott, piano) (r)
10.35 **Passion Carols:** Anon (Be it known to all)
10.45 **Friday Feature: The Sound of Prayer.** James Whitbourn explores church music, and talks to people who compose and perform it
11.30-12.30am **Midnight Oil:** Laurence Crane (Wierd); James Dillon (Slonimi); Vinko Globokar (Letters); Kevin Volans (Cicada)

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9.00 **News** 9.05 **Desert Island Discs:** Sue Lawley's castaway is the countertenor James Bowman (r).
9.45 **All Fall Down:** See Choice
10.00-10.30 **News; The Home Front** (FM only): A picture of Britain during the Second World War drawn from personal diaries (4/7)
10.00 **Good Friday Litany** (LW only): Behold the Man. A special devotion from Manchester Cathedral
10.45-11.00 **Children's Radio 4:** When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (LW only): by Judith Kerr
10.30 **Woman's Hour** (FM only until 11.00): Introduced from Glasgow by Ruth Wishart
11.30 **The Natural History Programme:** Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 **News; You and Yours**, with Michael Collie
12.25pm **The Food Programme:** Presented by Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
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2.00 **News; Classic Serial: Ben Hur:** Final part of Lew Wallace's epic tale (r)
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Tim Marlow looks at *Minky Manky*, an exhibition of new work by British artists; and sees the National Theatre's staging of *Under Milk Wood*
4.45 **Short Story: The Matriarch of Den Amstel**, by Roy Heath. Read by Hugh Quarshie (r)
5.00 **PM**, with Nigel Wrench and Linda Lewis 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.00 **Going Places**
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **Pick of the Week:** With Leslie Forbes
8.05 **Any Questions?** Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Richmond, Surrey, with guests Fred Halliday, Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics; Ken Livingstone, MP; Steven Norris, Transport Minister; and writer Rosalind Miles
8.50 **Speaking as an Expert:** Laurie Taylor gives a maths lecture (5/6)
9.15 **Letter from America**, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 **Kaleidoscope Feature: Dying for a Living.** Andy Turvey observes how actors are able to play dead so convincingly (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Owen Bennett-Jones
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Mr Olim**, by Ernest Raymond (10/10) (r)
11.00 **Week Ending:** A satirical news review
11.25 **Tea Junction:** With Patrick Hannan
11.45 **Good Friday Meditation** with the Rt Rev Patrick Kelly, Bishop of Salford
12.00-12.43am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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Clichéd, certainly, but in the right spirit

Ever since *Love for Lydia* I have nursed a quiet admiration for Mel Martin. Perhaps the series caught me at an impressionable age, I don't know. But whatever the cause, these days I can while away many a happy 90 seconds or so as she imperiously consigns Nigel Hawthorne to the exterior lustre department in the Vauxhall Astra advertisements.

In a rather different way, I have felt something similar about Peter Egan since his smooth-talking Oscar Wilde so enhanced *Lillie*. The professional admiration that dare not speak its name, you might call it. Then again, perhaps not.

In short, they're both fine actors and it was the rare chance to see them together that drew me to **The Man Who Didn't Believe in Ghosts** (ITV), the penultimate story in Yorkshire Television's football-interrupted *Chiller* series. It was a close-run thing, but I was not disappointed.

Curiously, the story we saw last night bore only a passing resemblance to a synopsis I was sent some weeks ago. Whole characters and several sub-plots had disappeared in the intervening period. The supernatural at work? I think not — more like some serious script editing. This might account for the large number of loose ends left lying around. You know, small things — like who exactly was it pretending to be the ghost of Rosemary Walker, a woman who fell off the roof of Windwhistle Hall (yes, honestly) weighed down by a 1970s wig and a non-speaking part? What had frightened her in the first place? And, far more importantly, who taught her widowed husband that the best treatment for distressed damsels after they've been locked in a walk-in fridge is a spot of internal warming? We never did that in my first-aid class.

But somehow Anthony Horowitz's story survived, helped by stylish direction, measured performances and a healthy respect for the clichés on which ghost stories thrive. Where's my son, inquired Sophie Cramer (Martin), unexpectedly about to find herself the mistress of Windwhistle Hall after her husband, the paranormally sceptical Richard (Egan), had a stroke. "Probably hunting ghosts," said the helpful estate agent. "Ghosts!" we all cried in unison.

After that, structural defects began to materialise at such a rate that you sincerely hoped the Cramers' surveyor had paid his professional liability insurance. There was the fridge ("oh look, there's no handle on the inside"), the rafters (woodworm) and the banisters (dry-rot). And I don't know about you, but I for one will definitely be moving my crystal chandelier from over the bath. It's ever so dangerous.

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

It's ever so complicated, I thought after five minutes of Gary Lineker is Dead (Channel 4). As someone who's never mastered the trick of patting your head and rubbing your tummy at the same time, I was having a spot of bother with the programme's elaborate, computer format. I could listen to Malcolm Allison holding forth ("there's always been fixing of football matches") or I could read the "factoid" print outs (most famous footballers: Pele, Best, President Lineker, Lord Giggs of Pepsi). But I couldn't do both.

The programme's success was that it will have stimulated the athletically-inclined to think seriously about the future of sport and, in particular, the impact of television and money thereupon. Its premise was that by the year 2019, sport, as we know it, will have died out. So too will President Lineker, but that's rather by the by. Football went in 2011, worn down by public lack of interest in no less than 73 individually sponsored cup competitions, tennis because spectators could no longer see the ball and athletics after objections to corporate flags flying next to national flags at Olympic medal ceremonies. All that will be left is international *Gladiators* and women's beach volleyball. Presumably not at the same time.

But the programme's failure was that given the choice between making a serious point and making a joke, it chose humour every time — at the expense of its argument. So no sooner had Rodney Walker, the chairman of the Rugby League, topically held forth on an integrated future for his game and its amateur cousin, than another extremely silly fantasy factoid would arrive: "Naomi Campbell signs for Wigan — to promote North American television sales." Still, Kate Moss winning the first exercise video Olympics with *Let's Get Thin* had a ring of truth about it.

Finally, or perhaps more fittingly, *and* finally — let us say a quiet prayer of thanks to Reginald Bosanquet, the man responsible, perhaps more than any other, for the fact that newsreaders in Britain are held in gentle affection rather than in highly rewarded awe. The situation is very different in America as **Naked News: The Anchor** (Channel 4) entertainingly made clear.

For British journalists this was addictive stuff. "*How much?*" we would say at regular intervals, our jaws dropping lower as the salaries got higher. For others, I fear the burgeoning career of the 26-year-old Donya Archer may have been less than gripping, despite the film's fast-moving pace. Why things are so different over here — Trevor McDonald and Selina Scott notwithstanding — was never really explored, but Walter Cronkite was on hand to cast doubt on what some regard as "Ken and Barbie journalism" for which the top exponents can, nevertheless, rake in up to $8 million a year. "It is an honourable profession to be a newsreader," said Cronkite. "Just don't pretend to be a journalist."

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday.*

BBC1

7.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1461662)

7.10 The Railway Dragon (r) (5182578) **7.35 Young People's Specials: Danny and the Killer Rain** (4071004)

8.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7257288) **8.10 Favourite Songs.** An animated version of *Sur Le Pont d'Avignon* (r) (5303714) **8.30 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (43462)

9.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7986424) **9.05 Swat Kats** (r) (s) (2233288) **9.30 Why Don't You . . ?** (6932375) **9.55 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (4730612)

10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (3580379) **10.25 Tales of Aesop.** *The Hares and the Treasure* (r) (1569207) **10.35 Christopher Crocodile Special** (s) (1294849)

11.00 Love Unknown. A meditation for Good Friday from Westminster Cathedral where Cardinal Hume reflects on the events leading to Jesus's death and Hannah Gordon reads the accounts of the Passion (s) (26820)

12.00 Pebble Mill. Gloria Hunniford introduces an Easter special which includes songs performed by the cast of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Cats* (s) (3829462) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (69036288)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (73481085) **1.10 Cartoon** (49639795) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (86765646)

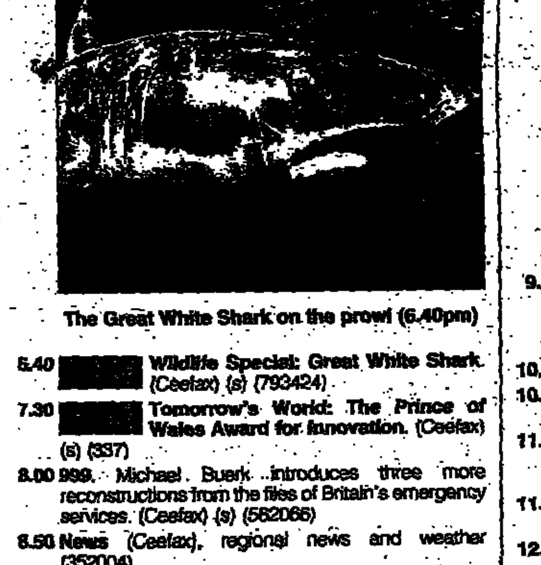
1.50 FILM: Ben Hur (1959) starring Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins and Stephen Boyd. An 11 Oscars-winning epic about the conflict of the Jews and Romans at the time of Christ. Directed by William Wyler. (Ceefax) (94374578)

5.15 Clothes Show Special. Jeff Banks and Caryn Franklin report from New York Fashion Week during which designers display their autumn and winter collections (s) (9988795)

5.55 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (235882)

6.20 News (Ceefax) and weather (157646)

6.30 Regional News (728443)



The Great White Shark on the prowl (6.40pm)

6.40 Wildlife Special: Great White Shark. (Ceefax) (s) (793424)

7.30 Tomorrow's World: The Prince of Wales Award for Innovation. (Ceefax) (s) (337)

8.00 999. Michael Buerk introduces three more reconstructions from the files of Britain's emergency services. (Ceefax) (s) (562066)

8.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (352004)

9.10 The Great Kandinsky. (Ceefax) (s) (6839269)

10.35 Words from Jerusalem. The Easter story in Bible readings by Sir John Gielgud (s) (581630)

10.50 FILM: Amadeus (1984) starring F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce, Simon Callow and Elizabeth Berridge. An eight Oscars-winning drama, adapted by Peter Shaffer from his hit stage play, about the supposed feud between Mozart and the court composer and Vienna's most celebrated musician, Antonio Salieri. Directed by Milos Forman. (Ceefax) (s) (98409462) **1.25am Weather** (8079738)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Holiday Outings in a camper van to the Australian outback (7248530) **8.10 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (7244714)

8.20 FILM: Captains Courageous (1937, b/w) starring Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew and Lionel Barrymore. A drama about the spoilt son of a millionaire who is taught the value of life by a fisherman who saves his life. Directed by Victor Fleming (49109511)

10.15 Miserere. James MacMillan introduces a performance of Arvo Pärt's setting of Psalm 51, performed in Durham Cathedral by the Hilliard Ensemble, conducted by Stephen Jackson. (Ceefax) (s) (5664511)

11.00 World Snooker. Live coverage of the Embassy world championship (s) (479676)

2.00 Romeo et Juliette (s) (97274424)

4.55 Close-Up. *Up in the World* (4891004)

5.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (5882)

5.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (530)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (771240)

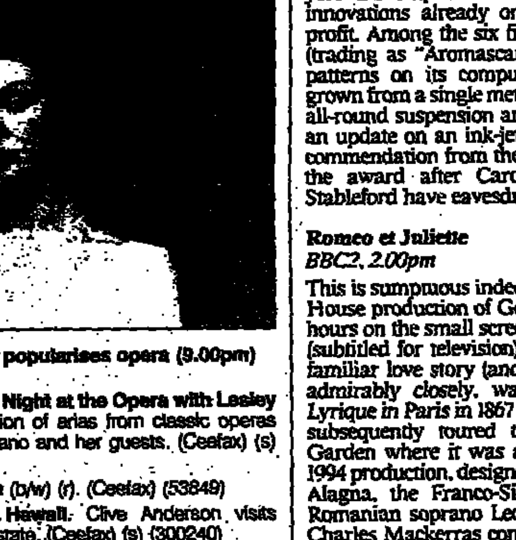
6.25 The Champions. Vintage adventure series (r). (Ceefax) (738337)

7.15 The O-Zone. Pop music magazine (s) (347627)

7.30 NEW **Marsalis on Music.** A four-part masterclass series given by Wynton Marsalis, with his 17-piece band and the Tanglewood Orchestra, conducted by Seiji Ozawa (s) (840153)

8.25 Close-Up. *A Hard Day's Night* (101658)

8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton begins his springtime jobs. (Ceefax) (s) (3801)



Lesley Garrett popularises opera (9.00pm)

9.00 Viva la Diva — A Night at the Opera with Lesley Garrett. A selection of arias from classic operas sung by the soprano and her guests. (Ceefax) (s) (3375)

10.00 Steptoe and Son (b/w) (r). (Ceefax) (53849)

10.30 Our Man In . . . Hawaii. Clive Anderson visits America's fiftieth state. (Ceefax) (s) (300240)

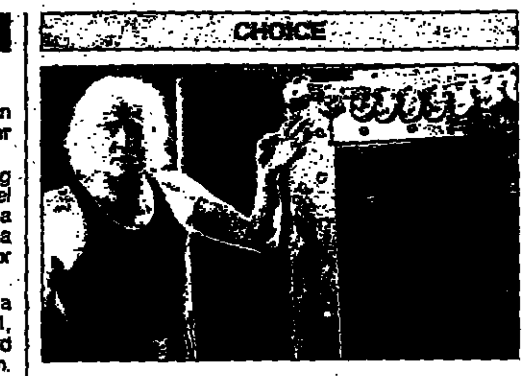
11.10 Fantasy Football League. David Baddiel and Frank Skinner are joined by Elvis Costello and Alan Hansen (s) (440462)

11.40 World Snooker. Highlights from the day's play in the Embassy world championship (s) (901288)

12.20am Black River. An adaptation of a contemporary Australian operatic work exploring the experiences of Aborigines since the arrival of the Europeans (s) (7975134) **1.15 Weather** (9088009)

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CHOICE



Richard Harris as Ernest Kandinsky (BBC1, 9.10pm)

The Great Kandinsky
BBC1, 9.10pm

Richard Harris, at his ravaged and sinewy best, plays the Great K — once a renowned escapologist and still up to his old tricks in spite of the fact that he now lives at the Beacon Heights retirement home where the oily manager (Tim McInnerny) has forbidden him to misbehave and frighten the residents. They, of course, adore him — especially pretty little Miss Florence (Dorothy Tutin). Shades of *Waiting for God* but, as this is billed as "family drama", the script is never quite as risqué (or as funny). Kandinsky is haunted by one trick he never mastered — the Incredible Underwater Torture. His one-time mentor, the hated "Professor" (Tom Bell), refused to reveal it and the secret is now buried with him. Or is it? And is he?

Tomorrow's World
BBC1, 7.30pm

The Prince of Wales Award for Innovation has become an annual fixture and often great fun to watch. This year the emphasis is on commercial success with innovations already on the market and making a profit. Among the six finalists is an "electronic nose" (trading as "Aromascan") which can produce smell patterns on its computer, jet engine turbo blades grown from a single metal crystal, the first tractor with all-round suspension and a top speed of 40mph, and an update on an ink-jet print head which received a commendation from the Prince last year. He presents the award after Carol Vorderman and Howard Stableford have eavesdropped on the judges.

Romeo et Juliette
BBC2, 2.00pm

This is sumptuous indeed: the acclaimed Royal Opera House production of Gounod's opera sustains its two hours on the small screen beautifully. Sung in French (subtitled for television) the opera, which follows the familiar love story (and indeed Shakespeare's script) admirably closely, was first seen at the Theatre *Lyrique in Paris* in 1867 *during the Paris Exposition. It* subsequently toured the world, *including* Covent Garden where it was a revelation. In Nicolas Joel's 1994 production, designed by Carlo Tommasi, Roberto Alagna, the Franco-Sicilian tenor, is Romeo with Romanian soprano Leontina Vaduva as Juliette. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts the Royal Opera House chorus and orchestra.

The Wildlife Special: Great White Shark
BBC1, 6.40pm

We seem to have seen other documentaries explaining what a misunderstood beast is the magnificent Great White Shark — beautiful, even shy. But David Attenborough is adamant in his introduction and commentary that this is the first film ever to show "the true story". Forget *Jaws*, forget the man-eater image and sharks in underwater cages. This time we see what the admittedly mysterious creature gets up to when it isn't demolishing elephant seals (there is a lot of blood so be warned.) In fact, by cleverly fitting these minibus-sized predators with radio transmitters and video cameras (the revolutionary "Crittercam") we do get a unique picture and the Great White emerges — as we all knew — as really rather a pet. A killing machine, but still a pet. **Elizabeth Cowley**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00 GMTV (5304086)

9.25 Chain Letters with Ted Robbins (s) (2222172)

9.55 Walt Disney Cartoon (1704207)

10.10 FILM: Disney's Summer Magic (1963) starring Hayley Mills, Burl Ives and Dorothy McGuire. A widowed mother is forced to move to a ramshackle country home with her children but still finds it hard to pay the rent. Directed by James Neilson (15322511)

12.15pm Mary at the Cross — A Meditation for Good Friday. Canon Martin Shaw visits Walsingham in Norfolk and explores the Passion of Christ through the eyes of Mary. (Teletext) (683269)

12.45 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (86244240)

1.00 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (22004)

1.30 Home and Away (Teletext) (57153)

2.00 Carlton Sport: Watford v Millwall. Live coverage from Vicarage Road of the Endsleigh League Division One clash. With commentary from John Helm and David Pleat (25041424)

4.15 Stuntmasters. Stuntmen in action (642207)

5.15 Daffy Duck's Easter Show. Cartoons (7407733)

5.40 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (233559)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (775066)

6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (265066)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. The comedian hosts the gameshow where prizes are won on the turn of a card (Teletext) (s) (2172)



Anne Kirkbride and William Roache (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Ken (William Roache) and Deirdre (Anne Kirkbride) are concerned for daughter Tracey. (Teletext) (733)

8.00 The Bill: In on the Game. Boyden and Slater arrest a top-class prostitute but Boyden has his own plans in mind for her. (Teletext) (1820)

8.30 Time after Time. Life and times of a reformed car thief, with Brian Conley, Samantha Beckinsale and Kate Williams. Kenny is out of his depth at a dinner party (Teletext) (s) (7627)

9.00 Charles: The Private Man, the Public Role. Another chance to see Jonathan Dimbleby's profile of the Prince of Wales (Teletext) (s) (6284)

11.00 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (781356) **11.15 London Tonight** (937220)

11.25 FILM: Brotherhood of the Gun (1991) starring Brian Bloom, Jamie Rose and Jorge Cervera Jr. Zach Hollister, a civil war hero, who quarrels with a gang of robbers but escapes with his life after his brother is killed. Recuperating in a small town Zach forms a truce with the local patriarch and comes to his aid when his son is kidnapped. Directed by Vern Gillum (s) (762337)

1.05am The James Whale Show (s) (1119955)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (6705134)

3.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (9123370)

3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (8316592)

4.30 The New Music. Includes a feature on Led Zeppelin (78283)

5.30 ITN Morning News (80047). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (7587511)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (27559)

9.00 Little Wizards (r) (27424)

9.30 California Dreams (6925085)

9.55 Gamesmaster (r) (6933004)

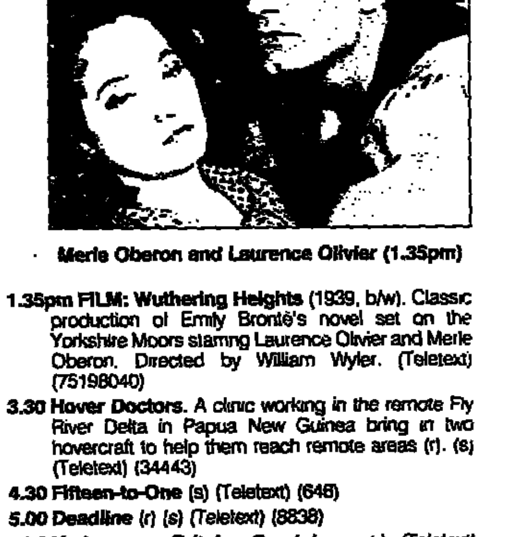
10.25 Batman: A Piece of the Action (4835266)

10.55 Tintin: Tintin in America (r) (5173795)

11.20 Pugwall's Summer (r). (5817530)

11.50 Terrytoons (8555443)

12.00 FILM: The Black Swan (1942, b/w). Tyrone Power is a reformed buccaneer who sets out to bring a cold-blooded pirate to justice. With George Sanders, Maureen O'Hara, Laird Cregar and Thomas Mitchell. Directed by Henry King. (656085)



Merle Oberon and Laurence Olivier (1.35pm)

1.35pm FILM: Wuthering Heights (1939, b/w). Classic production of Emily Brontë's novel set on the Yorkshire Moors starring Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon. Directed by William Wyler. (Teletext) (75198040)

3.30 Hover Doctors. A clinic working in the remote Fly River Delta in Papua New Guinea bring in two hovercraft to help them reach remote areas (r). (s) (Teletext) (34443)

4.30 Fifteen-to-One (s) (Teletext) (646)

5.00 Deadline (r) (s) (Teletext) (8838)

5.30 Undercover Britain: Crackdown (r) (Teletext) (998)

6.00 FILM: She (1965). The H. Rider Haggard classic with Ursula Andress as the legendary 2,000-year-old queen in the African desert who lures John Richardson back to join her in immortality. Directed by Robert Day. (Teletext) (82183424)

7.55 Channel 4 News Summary and weather (Teletext) (309627)

8.00 Gardens Without Borders: Italy. Alan Mason and Italian gardener Alessandro Tombelli compare a Suffolk garden and Florence's city gardens (s) (Teletext) (9462)

8.30 Brookside. Mandy receives the news she has been dreading (s) (Teletext) (5269)

9.00 FILM: Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café (1991). Jessica Tandy is a feisty octogenarian who tells Kathy Bates the stories of two women and their eventful lives in the Deep South in the 1930s. With Mary Stuart Masterson and Mary Louise Parker. Directed by Jon Avnet. (Teletext) (735849)

11.30 Baadasss TV With Ice-T and Andrea Oliver. Featuring an interview with Isaac Hayes, a profile of porn star Sean Michaels and music from Carl Douglas. (s) (98559)

12.00 FILM: Scanners (1980). David Cronenberg's sci-fi thriller about a telepath with terrifying ESP powers. Starring Stephen Lack, Patrick McGoohan and Michael Ironside. (881842)

1.55am FILM: The Crimes of Stephen Hawke (1936, b/w). Regency period piece starring Rod Slaughter as an apparently benevolent moneylender who turns out to be a mass murderer. Directed by George King. (1510825)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.00pm Daffy Duck's Easter Show (58058424) 2.25 Funny Girl (67807207) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4884714) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (265066) 11.20 A Fine Mess (783066) 1.00am The New Music (83383) 2.00 The James Whale Show (93487) 4.00 The Album Show (80028) 5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (98221)

BORDER
As London except: 9.55-10.10 Walt Disney Cartoon (1704207) 1.00pm-1.30 Shortland Street (22004) 1.30 Home and Away (57153) 2.00 Follow Your Dream - Daniel O'Donnell (29795) 3.30 The New Adventures of Black Beauty (135) 4.00-5.40 Disney's The B.R.A.T. Patrol (27953820) 6.05 Movies, Games and Videos (774337) 6.30 Home and Away (849) 11.20 My Blue Heaven (495153) 1.05am The James Whale Show (1119955) 2.05 The Chart Show (6705134) 3.00 Noisy Mothers (9123370) 3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8316592) 4.30 The New Music (78283)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.10 Cartoon Time (1704207) 2.00pm A Country Practice (58058424) 2.25 Wish You Were Here...? (58051511) 2.55 XPress (1081559) 3.25 Bugs Bunny's Easter Special (1304443) 4.20 Disney's Two-and-a-half Dads (6780789) 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (4884714) 6.30-7.00 Sylvester Stallone - Action Man (849) 11.20 The Stranger (783066) 1.00am On the Live Side (8085369) 4.30 Jobfinder (9679349) 5.20 Asian Eye (7121196)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.10 Walt Disney Cartoon (1704207) 1.00pm Shortland Street (73354424) 1.25 Home and Away (73362443) 1.55 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (8754646) 2.50 The Granada Match - Live (65117827) 5.00 Cartoon (5844379) 5.10-5.40 High Road (4884714) 6.25 Granada News (492356) 6.30 Celebrity Squares (849) 11.20 Lifeforce (495153) 1.05am The James Whale Show (1119955) 2.05 The Chart Show (6705134) 3.00 Noisy Mothers (9123370) 3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8316592) 4.30 The New Music (78283)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.00 High Road (8856) 2.30 Journey to the Centre of the Earth (8830443) 4.50-5.40 Murder, She Wrote (978066) 6.25 HTV West Headlines (492356) 6.30-7.00 Laugh with the Carry Ons (849) 11.15 HTV West Headlines and Weather (888040) 11.20 I'm Gonna Git You Sucka (495153)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-6.30 HTV Wales News (492356) 11.15-11.20 HTV Wales News and Weather (888040)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.00 Bugs Bunny Special (58058424) 2.25 Funny Girl (67807207) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4884714) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (162578) 6.15-7.00 Magnum (905801) 11.15 Meridian News and Weather (937220) 11.25 A Night in Heaven (787917) 1.00am The New Music (83383) 2.00 The James Whale Show (93487) 4.00 The Album Show (80028) 5.00 Freescreen (38221)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.00pm Daffy Duck's Easter Show (58058424) 2.25 55 Days at Peking (67807207) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4884714) 6.00 Westcountry Live (269) 6.30-7.00 Ruth Meets the Entertainers (849) 11.15 Hard Day's Night (433288)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.00 Daffy Duck's Easter Show (58058424) 2.25 55 Days at Peking (67807207) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4884714) 5.55 Calendar News (402608) 6.05-7.00 Two and a Half Dads (462882) 11.20 Meditation for Holy Week (784820) 11.35 The Dunwich Horror (397207) 1.10am The James Whale Show (2569498) 2.10 The Big E (6702047) 3.05 The Beat (9419467) 4.05 Shift (4339850) 4.55 Sportsworld (37580682) 5.20 Profile (7121196)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (1569462) 6.01 Amigo (1569462) 6.05 Mrs Pepperpot (1568733) 6.10 Dynamo Duck (1644998) 6.30 Spiderman (29443) 7.00 New Transformers (49795) 7.30 Double Dragon (51530) 8.00 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (71269) 8.30 Blockbusters (63240) 9.00 Oprah Winfrey (97198) 10.00 Concentration (10795) 10.30 Card Sharks (88004) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (77578) 12.00 Urban Peasant (74356) 12.30pm Anything but Love (16820) 1.00 St Elsewhere (11375) 2.00 Matlock (11424) 3.00 Oprah Winfrey (9307530) 3.50 DJ Kat (4326795) 3.55 Double Dragon (4291530) 4.30 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (6882) 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (2191) 6.00 Murphy Brown (7375) 6.30 Family Ties (9627) 7.00 Rescue (3820) 7.30 M*A*S*H (7511) 8.00 Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience (9240) 8.30 Coppers (8375) 9.00 Walker Texas Ranger (38066) 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (31153) 11.00 Late Show (999820) 11.50 Untouchables (183820) 12.45am Chances (4691592) 1.30 New WKRP in Cincinnati (14202) 2.00 Hit Mix Long Play

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5852733) 9.30 Worldwide Report (54882) 10.30 ABC Nightline (81646) 1.30pm CBS News (13733) 2.30 Destinations (4288) 3.30 Special Report (9733) 6.30 Talkback (8269) 7.30 O.J. Simpson Trial (2846171) 11.30 CBS News (11658) 12.30am ABC News (51221) 1.30 Talkback (36919) 2.30 Destinations (83776) 3.30 Special Report (98221) 4.30 CBS News (10283) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (22047)

SKY MOVIES
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2.00pm Showcase (29627) 4.00 Pillow Talk (1959) (8307) 6.00 Sign of the Cross (1932) (31191) 8.00 White Dog (1982) (10608) 10.00 Nevada Smith (1966) (18522066) 12.10-2.00am Diary of a Madman (1962) (809776)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.15am The Care Bears Movie (1985) (8841172) 8.30 Hook (1991) (29665630) 10.50 Stand up and Cheer (1934) (6191207) 12.00 UFO Café (1990) (174066) 1.35pm Cagney and Lacey: Together Again (1994) (48518646) 3.10 Hook. As 8.30am (94190424) 5.30 Clash of the Titans (1981) (85443) 7.30 The Movie Show (9379) 8.00 Sommersby (1993) (45356) 10.00 CB4 (1993) (91785) 11.30 Storyville (1993) (92424) 1.30am Black Magic (1991) (837950) 3.05 A Prayer for the Dying (1987) (467841) 4.50-6.00 Stand Up and Cheer As 10.50am (1272370)

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6.00pm End Zone (4522820) 7.00 Australian Rules Football (3351240) 9.00 Ford Scorpio Golf USA — Live (8025288) 11.00 World Sport Special (1085240) 11.30-12.00 NBA Action (7624307)

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7.30am Dancing (44882) 8.30 Eurofun (16917) 9.00 Mountainbike (90199) 9.30 Duathlon (79694) 10.30 Rally Raid (96153) 11.00 Basketball (13608) 1.00pm Tennis (22220) 1.30 Live Golf (263207) 4.00 Live Diving (70578) 5.00 Truck Racing (4578) 5.30 Motorsports (68288) 6.30 Eurosport News (7397) 7.00 Snooker (17443) 8.30 Rally Raid (9269) 9.00 Live Boxing (75511) 11.00 Body Building (84269) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (47370)

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SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (7239801) 12.30pm Zoo Life (4514801) 1.00 Caribbean Vacation (3370375) 1.30 The Spice of Life (4513172) 2.00 The Great Escape (4193801) 2.30 Travels in Europe — Paris (4438202) 3.00 Whicker's World — The Ultimate Package (1015004) 4.00 Travel Guide Review (5138174) 4.30 Zoo Life (4333658) 5.00 The Great Escape (4184153) 5.30-6.00 The Spice of Life (8333835)



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7.00am NickAlive (5381608) 7.15 Pee Wee's Playhouse (416559) 7.45 Rugrats (408530) 8.15 Doug (591714) 8.45 NickAlive! (4138608) 9.00 Nick Jr (296830) 12.00 Carmen Sandiego (23207) 12.30pm Muppet Show (32443) 1.00 Smoggies (60066) 1.30 Galaxy High School (31714) 2.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (6172) 2.30 Henry's Cat (1172) 3.00 Grimmy (5207) 3.30 Carmen Sandiego (3917) 4.00 Rude Dog and the Dweebs (2424) 4.30 Rugrats (8608) 5.00 Clarissa Explains it All (7424) 5.30 Odyssey (2288) 6.00 Doug (2801) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark (3153)

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BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Battle of the Sexes (2250849) 1.30pm Smothers Brothers (2927714) 2.00 The Avengers (2539269) 3.00 Rat Patrol (3178443) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes (8503207) 4.00 FILM: A Challenge for Robin Hood (3189559) 6.00 Gerry Shandling (8592191) 6.30 Wild Wild West (9401511) 7.30 Saber of London (8589627) 8.00 Avengers (6048269) 9.00 Twilight Zone (8016172) 9.30 FILM: Whatever Happened to Aunt Alice? (4366443) 11.30-12.00 Duffy's Tavern (2527424)

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CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
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Replay rivals on disrepute charge

FA must keep Keane out of Cup Final

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

ROY KEANE — magnificent athlete, malign temper — must not be allowed to play in the FA Cup Final next month. His stamping, twice, into the body of a grounded opponent during the semi-final replay between Manchester United and Crystal Palace on Wednesday, drove inexcusable stud marks into the reputation of a game already fallen into disrepute.

That the Football Association promptly and properly charged Keane yesterday, together with Darren Patterson, the first Palace player to fight with him, with bringing their game into disrepute, is laudable. That Graham Kelly should insist that, as chief executive, he cannot speculate on punishment or motive, is also right. But the rest of us need not wait 14 days to see whether, in Kelly's words, Keane can come up with a satisfactory answer for his action during his side's 2-0 victory.

There is none, and there will be no reasonable excuse to allow a man who committed such violent abuse on such a defensive night for the sport and society, to grace the hallowed turf of Wembley on May 20 against Everton.

The FA has little option but to acknowledge that this is the day that tens of millions of viewers, all around the world, judge our standards; indeed, whether it is rational or not, foreigners will judge English behaviour by the standards set on our national playing field.

One wonders whether Alex Ferguson believes that he has the right to proudly lead his Manchester United warriors onto that famous turf; for Ferguson, who felt compelled on the eve of the replay to lecture the youth of the nation on the insanity of violence, represents a team half of whose members have been sent off this season. He cannot see it, violently disagrees with the view, but the unpopularity of United — unpopularity shared by grown-ups and children — stems from the over-combative style with which they mix great beauty, joy and cavalier instincts with untenable behaviour, of disrespect for authority and harmful reaction to fellow professionals.

The Professional Footballers' Association is, again, deafening in its silence. It speaks only to condemn those who would suggest that players are role models, or that a lady magistrate may just have been in her rights when she attempted to make an example of Eric Cantona for his kung-fu kick into the chest of a spectator. Ferguson himself, as a player and a manager, is a volatile person. Sometimes he suppresses his rage splendidly, sometimes he fails, and all too often he evokes a complex around Old Trafford that suggests he is more comfortable with a "them and us" attritional atmosphere.

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Ferguson insisted again on Wednesday: "We will handle it [the question of discipline] as we always do, indoors in our own way. We don't need to broadcast to the world what we are doing."

No. The world, as he puts it, pays his and the players' and directors' wages. Manchester United enjoy the riches of being an institution, and people who run an institution have an obligation to their worshippers, to the public at large, to explain in every detail, every nuance, how and why the privileged performers within it are subjected to punishments when they so publicly err.

It is for lack of discipline that United are about to lose the FA Carling Premiership title to Blackburn Rovers, who, arguably, are a team of lesser gifted individuals but more committed organisation, and who just manage to stay the right side of football's laws. Yet how incredible it was to hear Ferguson say that, at half-time, his doctor had to put seven stitches into the ankle of Keane, but that Keane insisted on coming out for the second half, even if only for ten minutes. What was the intention? A warrior's stubborness, or ten minutes in which to extract revenge?

Later, in the supposed privacy of the players' lounge, Andy Cole, who was not even eligible to play, apparently remonstrated with Darren Pitcher, whose tackle had caused the wound to Keane, who indeed was later booked for a hacking foul on Ince. This much was true: that on a night when United supporters disrespectfully goaded Palace people with their appalling Cantona songs, there were insidious acts of violence, crippling tackles around the ankles, as well as malicious use of the elbow, to provoke United.

Where United failed was in the matter of self control, and that, too, is a skill, a habit in which our players are too often dunces. The FA insists that the game needs to be kept within its jurisdiction and out of the courts. But where is it taking us? A week ago, an American writer, Robert Lipsyte, wrote: "As a mirror of our culture, sports now show us spoiled fools as role models ... the pathetic posturing of in-your-face macho has replaced a once self-confident masculinity."

Lipsyte was talking of the baseball strike, of the likes of Mike Tyson, Tonya Harding, O. J. Simpson. Surely this is the time to ensure that, for once, England, and its sport, does not follow where the United States leads.

MARC ASPLAND



Keane, left, and Patterson in conflict at Villa Park during a match that further tarnished football's image

Athlete succeeds in appeal against drug test

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

IME AKPAN, a Nigerian hurdler, has become the first athlete to win an appeal against a suspension for steroid abuse using the sport's international arbitration procedures.

The decision by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to reinstate Akpan, which was announced yesterday, should improve confidence in the system, according to her legal representative, Adam Driggs, a Phoenix attorney. When such cases arise, the arbitration panel is chosen by the IAAF.

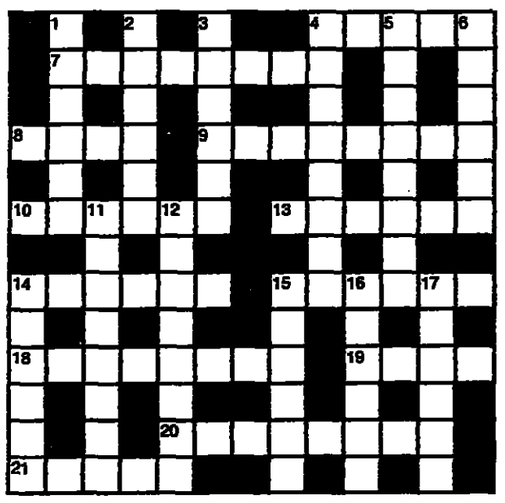
"It is not arbitration in a true sense," Driggs said. "There has been complaints by athletes that they were not receiving a fair hearing. The IAAF is police, prosecutor and judge, but all three panelists were, I felt, interested in making the right decision. I think the confidence that the public has in the arbitration process will be heightened because there is a chance get a clearance."

Akpan was a 13.03sec 100 metres hurdler when she was found positive for Nandrolone in an out-of-competition test in June 1993. However, she argued that the banned substance stemmed from her use of the contraceptive pill, Norinyl. The IAAF's arbitration panel first heard her case in November last year then again, with expert witnesses, on April 1. Akpan's expert witness, Dr David Black, from Nashville, was able to show that it was inconclusive whether the nandrolone found in Akpan's system was caused by Nandrolone or Norinyl.

According to Driggs, Akpan, 22, has been awarded costs, but not full attorney fees. "The IAAF has agreed to pay approximately one-third of her expert and attorney fees," Driggs said. Damages, Driggs said, would be a matter for his client to consider. "There is no doubt this has damaged her career and her reputation for endoresement purposes," Driggs added.

☐ Susen Tiedtke-Greene, the German who won the women's long jump bronze medal the world indoor championships last month, tested positive for a banned steroid in her B sample yesterday and faces a four-year ban.

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10 Room in church; parish meeting (6)
13 Mythical paradise of King Arthur (6)
14 Consecrate with oil (6)
15 Get away (6)
18 Yangtse port; impress (sailor) (8)
19 Divine from crystal ball (4)
20 Profit distribution share (8)
21 Tidal bore (5)

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3 Great poverty (6)
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Hendry fired by grand ambition

Phil Yates believes the champion has reserved his best for the Embassy world championship

IN MANY ways, Stephen Hendry, favourite for the Embassy world snooker championship, which begins its 17-day run at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, today, has become a victim of his own unprecedented success.

Hendry, who will be attempting to win the game's most coveted title for a fourth year in succession and for the fifth time in all, has set such high personal standards that a level of performance that most of his fellow professionals would gladly accept is often classified as a failure.

The Scot, 26, is, according to some, in a slump. True, he has not won a tournament since the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge in January and has been beaten a number of times by players who are considered among his main rivals at the Crucible.

As Hendry has still won four events this season, including the United Kingdom championship and European Open, and with £336,550 easily tops the money-list, in his case, slump is clearly meant in a relative sense.

Yet, it would be near-sighted to argue that Hendry arrives at Sheffield with his cup of confidence overflowing. It is impossible to win 51 tournaments worldwide without a passionate dislike of defeat, and some of his recent setbacks have not been palatable experiences.

Hendry lost 9-8 to Peter Ebdon in the final of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters three weeks ago and was beaten 5-1 by John Parrott in the quarter-finals of the British Open last week. However, the result that will have caused him greatest concern is a 5-2 defeat at the hands of Ronnie O'Sullivan in the last 16 of the Thailand Open in mid-March.

It was one of those very rare occasions when Hendry played well and lost. O'Sullivan, whom he is seeded to meet in the quarter-finals of the world championship, produced potting and break building that made him simply too hot to handle.

Throughout the past couple of months, though, Hendry has been preoccupied. Not with thoughts of summer days walking the fairways of his beloved Gleneagles or of his wedding to Mandy Tart, his long-time fiancée, in late June. His mind has been on the Crucible.

Having enjoyed so much success in lesser events, Hendry, unlike Steve Davis, is finding motivation increasingly difficult and that has been an overriding negative influence in recent weeks. With the chance of becoming the first player to win four consecutive titles at the Crucible since it became permanent home to the championship in 1977, Hendry is sure to be focused this time.

Closing in on the modern-era record of six world championship triumphs, held jointly by Davis and Ray Reardon, is an added incentive to the first prize of £190,000 and the promise of a Ferrari from Sweater Shop, his sponsor, should he make a successful defence.

In 1991, the last time Hendry travelled home without the trophy, he was suffering from mental burnout and staleness after a season in which he had won nine tournaments. His schedule in 1995, while hectic, has been nowhere near as exhausting.

Hendry is quoted at 11-10 by William Hill, with John Higgins, his compatriot and former practice partner, next on the list at 6-1 after his capture of the Skoda Grand Prix, International Open and British Open titles this season.

As a 19-year-old, Higgins, who is well capable of superseding Hendry as the youngest winner in the 68-year history of the championship, is constantly compared with O'Sullivan, his contemporary, who won the Masters at Wembley in February. In temperament, style and character, they are as opposed as Davis and Jimmy White.

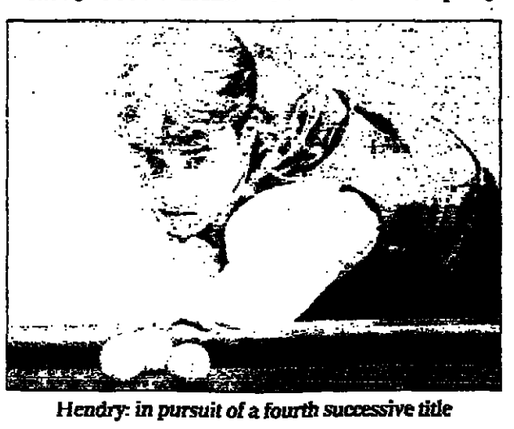
O'Sullivan, a streetwise, brash Londoner, inhabits a world far removed from that of Higgins, who still shares a room with his two brothers in the family home at Wishaw. He is modest and unassuming, while O'Sullivan can convey an impression of arrogance.

Higgins does not possess O'Sullivan's natural talent, but he benefits from a calmer attitude, is less impulsive, has more balance to his game and, most important, has the ability to concentrate fiercely for lengthy periods.

That, in particular, is an invaluable asset during the 17-day marathon of the mind that the world championship has become. O'Sullivan is plagued by inconsistency in much the same way as White, a perennial nearly man at Sheffield, who has reached the final six times and lost them all.

White, who underwent surgery a fortnight ago to remove his left testicle, has endured his worst season since turning professional in 1981 and, unless his form improves dramatically, his fruitless search for the title will continue.

Although Hendry, Higgins and O'Sullivan undoubtedly have the strongest credentials, James Wattana and John Parrott are also realistic contenders. Wattana, who would be the first non-British champion since Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, in 1980, boosted his self-belief when he retained the Thailand Open title in his native Bangkok. Parrott, the 1991 world champion, is always a threat, purely on the horses for courses theory.



Hendry: in pursuit of a fourth successive title

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